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**ANNUAL**



**WAM**

**1970**

**REPORT**

## FOREWORD

*Your Town Report Committee salutes the Agawam Jaycees organization for their dedication to the service of Agawam and its citizens.*

*This group of young men between twenty-one and thirty-five years of age is now directing its efforts to raising money to provide Agawam with a new ambulance to replace the one purchased through their efforts some eight years ago. The town ambulance is at the call of any Agawam citizen or business in the event of an emergency. Mr. C. William Hall as president and Norman Lapine as chairman head up this drive.*

*The Jaycees' list of accomplishments is long and worthwhile. They have recently named Mr. Raymond McCarroll to receive their yearly award for outstanding service to the community. They also participate in a national drive to raise funds for retarded children. The 1970 Holyoke St. Patrick's Day parade had a float representing Agawam built by the Jaycees which was a prize winner.*

*These projects and many others are a tribute to this group of young men who really care about their fellow citizens and our town.*

*Your Town Report Committee requests that all our people get behind the Jaycees and help push their drive for a new town ambulance over the top.*

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*Your Town Report Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the combined efforts of all who helped gather and shape the contents of this report.*

GERALDINE SCHILLING

HENRY W. LAWSON

ELIZABETH B. POND

MURIEL MEUNIER

EDWARD A. CABA

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The layout and art work for our cover was done by Miss Geraldine Schilling, art teacher at Agawam High School.

Police Officer Betera reproduced some of the pictures used in this Town Report.

## AGAWAM JAYCEES' — 1971 AMBULANCE DRIVE "THE BIG KICK-OFF"



Pictured left to right, Norman F. Lapine, Jr., Chairman of the Drive, Sgt. Charles Cartello, President and Patrolman Gerald O'Keefe, Treasurer of the Agawam Police Association present their \$500.00 check to kick off the 1971 Ambulance Drive as C. William Hall, President of the Agawam Chapter of the Jaycees looks on with smile of approval — the sure sign of a successful drive.

This is only one of their many community projects that they get involved with. Any one wishing to make a donation to this worthy cause may do so making their checks payable to the Agawam Jaycee Ambulance Drive.

## Town Calendar

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday  
8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

### BOARD MEETING

Selectmen — Monday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.  
School Committee — Second and Fourth Tuesday of Month, 7:30 P.M.  
Board of Assessors — Monday Evenings, 7:00 P.M.

### TELEPHONES

TOWN HALL . . . . .	786-0400
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT . . . . .	734-8045
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL . . . . .	732-7589
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL . . . . .	786-3152
POLICE DEPARTMENT . . . . .	786-4767
FIRE DEPARTMENT . . . . .	786-1241



SP/4 PAUL J. D'AMATO, JR.

January 14, 1949 — December 24, 1970

Specialist 4th Class Paul J. D'Amato, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. D'Amato and brother of James and Kathleen Ann of 105 Rowley Street. Paul became Agawam's fourth casualty of the Vietnam War when he was one of nine Americans killed Christmas Eve near Hue, South Vietnam.

Paul graduated from Agawam High School in 1967. He then enrolled in the Porter Hill School of Engineering Design, graduating in 1969 and then entered the service. He served at Ft. Dix, N.J. and Ft. Ord, California transferring to Vietnam in July of 1970 where he was assigned to Company A 327th Infantry 101st Airborne Division as a grenadier.

Paul was one of our many bright lights among our youth in town, as a young



lad he served as altar boy at St. Anthony of Padua Church, he was active in many Agawam High School activities. He was a real "stock car" enthusiast and a member of the pit crew on one of the hottest cars to race at Riverside Park Speedway. One of his proudest moments was at Riverside Park Speedway on Labor Day of 1967 the event was the "300 Lap Labor Day Classic." Paul was a member of the pit crew for Car No. 5 in the Sportsman Class, sponsored by Mr. Richard N. Dagesse of Agawam flying the colors of Friendly Mobil Service Station in West Springfield, they won the race going away. On the next page is the Sportsman No. 5 in the Winner's Circle.

To Paul's family we extend our condolences — we share your loss with you. "A bright light has been dimmed but he shall never be forgotten."



PAUL'S PRIDE AND JOY

This is the crew with the Sportsman #5 in the coveted Winner's Circle which Paul was so proud of and part of. From left to right: Richard Dagesse, Jr., Paul D'Amato, Jr., "Skip" Barna, driver; Richard N. Dagesse owner of the car and Harvey Tattersall, President of United Stock Car Club and director of racing at Riverside Park Speedway. The picture was taken after the trophies were presented for winning the Riverside 300 Lap Labor Day Classic.

# Elected Town Officers

Terms expire on the second Monday in January of the year indicated.

## MODERATOR

David M. Marshall 1972

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH

George L. Reynolds	1971	Edward W. Connelly	1973
Joseph A. DellaGiustina	1972	Joseph M. Faucette	1974

## TOWN CLERK

Edward A. Caba 1973

## TOWN TREASURER

David C. Gallano 1973

## TOWN COLLECTOR

Margaret E. Ferranti 1972

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Walter A. Balboni	1971	Roberta G. Doering	1973
Arthur Zavarella	1971	Robert A. Fassnacht	1973
F. Joseph Napolitan	1972	Arthur Zavarella	1974
Joseph L. Pisano	1972	Frank R. Locke	1974
Jerry Ralph Sibilia		1974	

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Ernest M. Dumont	1971	Frederick A. Drew	1973
Rodolfo Altobelli	1972	Raymond Saracino	1974

## BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Peter D. Mazza	1971	Sylvia R. Deliso	1973
Norman Wood	1971	Alda Bedard	1973
Priscilla Andrews	1972	David G. Kunasek	1974
Harriett S. Keogh	1972	Beverly J. Malone	1974

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

James W. Slinsky	1971	Alfred Fontana, Jr.	1973
Roy M. Sullivan	1972	James A. Cressotti	1974

## TRUSTEES OF THE WHITING STREET FUND

Mary F. Drew	1971	Gertrude M. Loncto	1972
Mary F. Drew		1973	

## TREE WARDEN

Elmer Casio 1972

## PLANNING BOARD

Roy E. Benjamin	1971	Charles R. Calabrese	1974
Albert Christopher	1972	Francis Elroy Bouley	1975
Paul M. Fieldstad	1973	John T. Burns	1975
Vincent M. Connor	1974	Albert J. Bonavita	1976

## PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS & RECREATION COMMISSION

William J. DeForge, Jr.	1971	Louis A. Mastroianni, Jr.	1973
Alfred Fontana, Jr.	1971	Roland J. Roberts	1973
Laurence R. O'Connell, Jr.	1972	Pamela D. Jones	1974
Edgar A. Regnier	1972	Nicholas DePalma	1974

## AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

John H. Dunn	1971	Daniel DiDonato	1974
Richard J. Dudek	1973	Alfred J. St. John	1975
Raymond E. Charest		1976	

Frank Chriscola, Jr. — State Appointee — 1972



This picture was taken during the ribbon cutting ceremonies welcoming the J. O. Young Company, Inc., a new addition to our growing commercial and industrial family. Pictured above, left to right: James DeVecchi, President; Edward W. Connelly, Selectman and Dwight Young, Treasurer.

J. O. Young a pioneer in the field of ladder and scaffold manufacturing in addition to being one of the largest concerns in its field in the east are also long established and specialize in installation of roofing and all accessories that go with it.

The company originated in 1900 on Carew Street moving to Laurel Street, Springfield in 1921. With their continued growth they moved to Agawam in August of 1970 and have already made two additions to their building which covers approximately 25,000 square feet. The company has two acres of land for future expansion. They employ between fifteen and twenty-five people.



J. O. YOUNG COMPANY, INC., 71 Ramah Circle South



# **Appointed Town Officers**

## **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Marjorie L. Santinello

## **CHIEF OF POLICE**

R. Kenneth Grady

## **SAFETY OFFICER**

Stanley Chmielewski

## **CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Harry W. Schneider

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Donald J. Campbell

## **TOWN ENGINEER**

John Stone

## **SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Louis D. Draghetti

## **DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICE**

John J. McCarthy

## **BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT**

Robert J. Cagan

## **ASST. GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

Dominick Ricco

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Joseph Conte

## **PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

George Draghetti

## **ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**

Alfred Gallerani

## **TOWN COUNSEL**

John J. Teahan

## **TOWN PROSECUTOR**

David A. Ladizki

## **DOG OFFICER**

Douglas C. Jenks

## **CIVIL DEFENSE**

Arthur Zavarella — Director

Albert M. Jackson, Deputy

## **SLAUGHTER INSPECTOR**

Clark Jones



# Appointed Town Officers

## BOARD OF APPEALS

Members		Alternates	
B. Edward Dahdah	1972	Marcel A. Bedard	1972
Joseph P. McMahon, Jr.	1973	John J. Juliano	1974
Theodore A. Progulske, Jr.	1974		

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Richard J. Rieker	1971	Phyllis Mason	1973
Leslie J. Moore	1972	Edward A. Caba	(Clerk)

## PERSONNEL BOARD

Anthony Nacewicz — Personnel Dir.		Roberta Doering	1972
Jerry Ralph Sibia	1971	James E. Griffin	1972
Norman Wood	1971	Irving R. LaFleur	1973
John J. Chriscola	1972	Carol Taylor	1973

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rodney Blakesley	1971	A. Anthony Ayres	1972
Norman McMahon	1971	Allan E. Bessette	1972
John H. Mikszewski	1971	Mary Manning	1973
Laurance R. Andrews	1972	Henry Sullivan	1973
Julian Waniewski		1973	

## DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

David C. Gallano	1971	Santo Canarella	1974
Anthony Egnatowich	1972	Frank Chriscola, Jr.	1974
Carlo Bonavita	1973	David M. Marshall	1975
Edward W. Schmidt		1975	

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jeffrey Reynolds	1971	Henry A. Kozloski	1972
John Farrington, Chr.	1972	Raymond L. Jones	1973
George Fleming	1972	Katherine Vergnani	1973
Cynthia Wortelboer		1973	

## COUNCIL FOR AGING

Joseph M. Faucette, Chr. Board of Health	Josephine Cascella, Sept. of 1970
James Clark, Superintendent of Schools	Andrew C. Gallano, Sept. of 1970
Frank Chriscola, Jr., Chr. Housing Authority	Rev. Albert J. Blanchard, Sept. of 1971
Norman Wood, Chr. Library Trustees	Jacquelyn C. Fenton, Sept. of 1971
Edith Larsen, Sept. of 1971	

## CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Laurance R. Andrews	1971	Anthony Egnatowich	1973
Francis Rosso	1972	Lesslie W. Smith	1973
Thomas H. Themisto		1973	

## CEMETERY STUDY COMMITTEE

Roy M. Sullivan	Richard Taylor	Judson Hastings
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## MILL POND ACQUISITION STUDY COMMITTEE

George L. Reynolds	John Stone	Jerry Ralph Sibia
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# **Town Directory**

Incorporated May 17, 1855

Population 1965 Census — 17,484

## **UNITED STATES SENATORS**

EDWARD W. BROOKE of Boston

EDWARD M. KENNEDY of Boston

## **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

First Congressional District

SILVO O. CONTE of Pittsfield

## **COUNCILOR**

Eighth District

EDWARD M. O'BRIEN of Easthampton

10 Dragon Circle

## **STATE SENATOR**

Hampden, Berkshire District

GEORGE D. HAMMOND of Westfield

96 Western Avenue

## **REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT**

Ninth Hampden District

EDWARD W. CONNELLY of Agawam

565 River Road

## **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

First Tuesday after Third Monday in November

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Second Saturday in March

## Board of Selectmen

There are two words in our English language which are connoted as antonyms. The one "abstract" refers to the theoretical or ideal; the other "concrete" makes reference to "objectively real." Although their respective meaning may appear to be diametric, administrative philosophy in municipal government can knit them successfully if that administration breeds optimism.

Education can be abstract in a sense because it is difficult to measure its accomplishments with accuracy. In education, one attempts to measure the potential and then, through guidance and effort, attempts to produce an end result. The abstract and the concrete tend to blend.

Can the normal development of our community be so greatly different? When we consider our local blessings, such as our location at the intersection of two important interstate highways, our proximity to an international airport, our several hundred acres of undeveloped industrially-zoned land, our extensive recreational site, our undeveloped residential potential, and then supplement all these with the inherent enthusiasm and ambition of our people, we have to believe that the "theoretical" can become "real" with the correct application. We will never know our true strength until we faithfully attempt to transpose the "abstract" to the "concrete."

Your administration extends sincere thanks to all members of the staff, whether appointed or elected, who have worked so diligently during 1970 to either "hold the line" or aid in the "transition."

Our Police, Fire, Department of Public Works, Health and Building Departments have performed with deep sincerity. Our elected and appointed commissions, with their respective staffs, have worked with unselfish enthusiasm. It must be resolved that all associated with the administration of this town have been diligent in their service.

But with our ever increasing population and the normal changes necessary therewith, the above expressed efforts will not suffice to either maintain our present standards, to say nothing of accomplishing any transition.

It may, therefore, be quite necessary to resolve a change in the methods and scope of your administration in order to meet the demands of the future. With this in mind, you have authorized a Charter Commission to take inventory and provide for a possible change.

While we await this possible transition, we may expect some assistance from our association with the recently instituted Greater Springfield Elected Council. It is assumed that local problems are area problems as well and their solution is best attained through a group effort.

Concretely, we have been courageous in 1970 in providing for the future. Specifically, we have finally made our appropriation to support the construction of a new Mittineague bridge. Likewise, we have finalized the widening and reconstruction of Suffield Street from Route 57 to the Connecticut state line. Most





Eileen Fleming, executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen retires after thirty-six years of service.

Eileen's long and illustrious career started in January of 1936 when she was appointed office clerk. She served in many of our town offices before she was finally appointed executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen. On occasions Eileen was called on to serve in the capacity of special police officer among several other jobs she filled.

Eileen will long be remembered for her unselfish way in assisting her fellow workers in getting their jobs done. We wish her the best of health and luck in her retirement.

important and costly, we have financed a long delayed South Main Street sewer project. We have begun a most significant phase of engineering trunk sewer lines across our town with eventual disposition in the new secondary disposal plant operated by the City of Springfield on Bondi Island.

We must never sidetrack our responsibility to our senior citizens nor forget to provide a proper environment for our youth.

If we have or will provide the expertise necessary to convert the "abstract" to the "concrete" knowing full well that our potential is sufficient to keep us competitive, then as a town we should have little concern.

If a town can relate to a man who goes to his work with "A song in his Heart and a Smile on his Face," then we can accomplish the three F's. We can face the future fearlessly.

## Town Accountant

I herewith present my annual report in accordance with Section 61 of Chapter 41 of the Tercentenary Edition of the General Laws, for the year ending December 31, 1970, showing in detail the receipts, appropriations and expenditures, and the balance sheet showing the assets and liabilities.

In accordance with Section 57, Chapter 41, of the Tercentenary Edition of the General Laws, you will find a detailed report of the Town debt which amounts to \$1,791,000.00 with the amount of interest due in 1971 (as of this report) of \$57,655.00 and principal due of \$330,000.00.

Also included in this annual report is a breakdown showing all transfers approved by the Finance Committee from the Reserve Fund.

All necessary figures as required by law have been filed with the proper agencies and departments of both the State and the Town as of February 1, 1971.

The State Examiners completed their summation of the Town Audit and this has been included in this year's annual report, as submitted by the State Bureau of Accounts.

### CASH RECEIPTS

#### GENERAL REVENUE

##### Taxes:

Current Year .....	\$4,390,189.42	
Previous Years .....	146,125.81	
	<hr/>	\$4,536,315.23

Tax Title Redemption and Partial Payments .....	339.73
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##### In Lieu of Taxes:

Housing Authority .....	1,584.00
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##### From State:

##### Income:

Valuation Basis .....	81,382.40	
Education Basis .....	472,171.32	
	<hr/>	553,553.72

Loss of Taxes — State Properties .....	10,623.04
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Machine Basis .....	4,431.26
School, Transportation .....	80,998.77
Outside Transportation .....	707.00
School Building Assistance .....	103,505.83
Special Education Programs — Adj. 1969 .....	930.55
Special Education Programs .....	38,106.64
Vocational Education .....	10,910.00
W.P.C. Mass. — Ch. 21 S. 37 .....	4,980.00
Library Aid — Res. for Approp. ....	3,929.50

Council on Aging — Res. for Approp. ....	1,165.00	
Police — Teleprocessing.....	935.00	
Highway — Ch. 768 Sec. 5 .....	26,244.21	
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		276,843.76

Fines:

District Court Fines .....	10,566.60	
Master — House of Correction .....	166.00	
Dog Officer .....	635.00	
Library .....	1,810.02	
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		13,168.62

Licenses and Permits:

Selectmen:

Liquor .....	22,861.00	
Liquor I.D.'s .....	14.00	
Junk and Plates .....	18.00	
Gas Storage and Dealer .....	255.00	
Bowling .....	25.00	
Billiards .....	25.00	
Roller Rink .....	5.00	
Park .....	50.00	
Amusement and Entertainment .....	4,024.50	
Shoots and Bonus .....	154.00	
Auctioneer .....	28.00	
Common Victualer .....	144.00	
Taxi .....	2.00	
Hawkers and Pedlars .....	44.00	
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		27,649.50

Town Clerk:

Marriage Intentions .....	633.00	
Gas Storage .....	960.00	
Raffles .....	101.00	
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		1,694.00

Health:

Miscellaneous .....		830.50
Police — Gun .....	300.00	
Registrations — Gun .....	490.00	
All Other .....	100.00	
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		890.00

Grants and Gifts — Federal:

Medical Assistance — Welfare .....	122.35	
Schools — ESEA Title II .....	3,552.88	
Civil Defense — Communications .....	381.00	
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		4,056.23



FROM COUNTY:

Dog Licenses .....		2,528.96
a/r Dogs Confined, etc. ....		2,508.00
Privileges:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Current Year .....	498,121.22	
Previous Years .....	107,713.08	
		605,834.30
1969 Farm Animal Excise .....		84.50
Sewer Assessments:		
Sewer .....	2,995.60	
Sidwalk .....	75.00	
		3,070.60

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

Collector:		
Charges .....	3,443.00	
Municipal Liens .....	123.00	
		3,566.00
Town Clerk:		
Recording Fees:		
Births .....	240.50	
Deaths .....	180.00	
Marriages .....	124.00	
Financial Statements .....	2,345.00	
Terminations .....	164.00	
Business Certificates .....	77.00	
Sporting .....	592.55	
Dog .....	441.00	
All Other .....	172.00	
		4,336.05
Sales: Street Listings .....	84.00	
Zoning By-Laws .....	66.00	
		150.00
Public Safety:		
Police — Photos .....	55.10	
Inspector Weights and Measures .....	1,022.30	
Building Inspector .....	4,993.00	
Electrical Inspector .....	2,178.00	
Plumbing Inspector .....	2,606.00	
		10,854.40

## HEALTH AND SANITATION:

Trailer Court Fees .....	2,426.00	
Nurses Fees .....	264.00	
Rabies Clinic .....	378.00	
Sewer Connections .....	18,100.00	
a/r Sewer .....	1,560.00	
	<hr/>	22,728.00

## HIGHWAYS:

From State:		
Chapter 90 Maintenance '69 .....	4,999.95	
Chapter 708, Acts of '69 — Res. for Approp. ....	8,748.07	
From County:		
Chapter 90 Maintenance '69 .....	4,999.95	
	<hr/>	18,747.97

## DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Map Sales .....	136.50	
a/r Highway .....	5,384.20	
	<hr/>	5,520.70

## From State:

Charities:		
a/r Medical Assistance .....	81.57	
a/r Veterans' Benefits .....	34,005.96	
	<hr/>	34,087.53

WELFARE — RECOVERIES ..... 1,261.90

VETERANS' — RECOVERIES ..... 329.00

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1,590.90

## SCHOOLS:

a/r Tuition .....	486.00	
Hall Rentals .....	1,825.82	
Damages — Property .....	265.00	
Industrial Art Supplies .....	773.18	
Lost Books .....	138.39	
	<hr/>	3,488.39

## PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION:

Arts and Crafts ..... 655.79

## UNCLASSIFIED

RENTAL — WELFARE OFFICE .....	1,331.05	
Telephone Tolls, etc. ....	275.61	
	<hr/>	1,606.66

BLUE CROSS — TOWN SHARE (Dup. Cov.) ....	749.69
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REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNTS:

School Lunch Program .....	169,771.38	
School Lunch Program — State .....	71,486.49	
School Ahtletic Association .....	9,544.87	
School Adult Education .....	1,697.00	
	<hr/>	252,499.74

INTEREST

Collector — Deferred Taxes .....	9,105.77	
Special Assessments .....	775.24	
Special Assessments — Paid in Advance .....	7.16	
Sewer Betterments .....	19.17	
	<hr/>	9,907.34

Treasurer — Tax Title Redemptions and

Partial Payments .....	89.00	
Temporary Loan Paid in Advance .....	155.00	
Invested Cash:		
Savings Account .....	6,511.27	
Treasury Certificates .....	8,420.83	
	<hr/>	15,176.10

INVESTED CASH .....	691,579.17
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WATER:

Rates .....	144,187.95	
Miscellaneous Billings .....	3,790.54	
Connections .....	6,730.00	
Water Liens — 1970 .....	5,353.51	
Water Liens — Previous Years .....	3,923.96	
	<hr/>	163,985.96

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Library Fund Income:

Daviş Library .....	2,023.01	
Phelon Library .....	35.46	
	<hr/>	2,058.47

School Fund Income:

Phelon School .....	221.20	
Faolin Peirce Scholarship .....	1,641.69	
	<hr/>	1,862.89



Other Income:

Whiting Street — Worthy Poor .....	465.42	
Desire A. Pyne .....	137.41	
Clara Williams — Nursing Scholarship .....	31.44	
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		634.27

Cemetery Fund Income:

Old Cemetery .....	64.50	
Feeding Hills Cemetery — General Care .....	12.86	
Feeding Hills Cemetery — Perpetual Care .....	23.57	
Maple Grove .....	110.20	
Lydia Roberts .....	27.82	
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		238.95

Miscellaneous Funds:

Council on Aging — Gift .....	1,734.35	
Employees Group Insurance .....	431.00	
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		2,165.35

Dog Licenses — County .....	4,059.50	
Dogs Sold — County .....	12.00	
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		4,071.50

LOANS

Temporary Loans — Anticipation of Revenue .....	2,600,000.00
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PREMIUMS

Massachusetts Blue Cross .....	431.00	
Liability Insurance (WC) .....	1,945.00	
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		2,376.00

Insurance Claims:

Police — Cruiser and Property Damages .....	2,063.86
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DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

Water Guarantee Deposits .....	1,350.00	
Planning Board Deposits .....	440.60	
Board of Appeals Deposits .....	645.68	
Miscellaneous — Bids, Plans, Proposals .....	16,198.34	
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		18,634.62

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Credit Union .....	261,194.50
Blue Cross .....	65,024.93

Retirement .....	71,885.37	
Federal Tax Withholdings .....	560,290.45	
Life Insurance .....	4,971.02	
U. S. Savings Bonds .....	787.50	
Fire — Union Dues .....	588.00	
Police — Union Dues .....	1,396.00	
School — Annuities .....	29,024.44	
State Tax Withholdings .....	107,019.73	
	<hr/>	1,102,181.94

## REFUNDS

### General Departments:

Administration — Repairs and Maintenance .....	10.63	
Election and Registration — Officers .....	49.00	
Fire — Other .....	223.96	
Health — Other .....	12.60	
Assessors — Other .....	2.00	
Schools — Operating Expense .....	4,044.80	
Land Taking — Suffield Street .....	800.00	
Parks — Other .....	26.15	
Parks — Vehicle Repairs .....	22.31	
Council on Aging .....	44.31	
Data Processing .....	74.55	
Police — Duty Injuries .....	30.00	
Library — Other .....	7.00	
Veterans' Benefits .....	1,213.15	
	<hr/>	6,560.46

Petty Cash Advances .....	745.00
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### Estimated Receipts:

Police — Duty Injuries .....	46.00	
Fire — Other .....	105.52	
Fire — Building Repairs and Maintenance .....	23.55	
Town Clerk — Other .....	3.00	
Welfare — Medical Assistance .....	4.30	
D.P.W. — Engineering .....	16.00	
Schools — Operating Expense .....	67.11	
Library — Books .....	1.65	
	<hr/>	267.13

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS .....	\$11,026,665.52
CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1970 .....	273,711.11
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GRAND TOTAL .....	\$11,300,376.63

# Town Accountant

## APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1970

	Balance 1/1/70	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>							
Moderator .....		100.00		100.00	100.00		
Moderator — All Other .....		35.00		35.00	—0—	35.00	
Selectmen — Salaries .....		5,800.00		5,800.00	5,800.00		
Executive Secretary Salary .....		7,950.80		7,950.80	6,212.00	1,738.80	
Senior Clerk .....		3,562.65		3,562.65	2,562.44	1,000.21	
Extra Clerical .....		390.00		390.00	294.79	95.21	
Selectmen — Other Expense .....		2,015.00	350.00	2,365.00	2,310.42	54.58	
Selectmen — Out of State Travel .....		200.00		200.00	—0—	200.00	
Town Accountant — Salary .....		8,993.40		8,993.40	8,993.40		
Junior Accountant — Salary .....		6,705.40		6,705.40	6,705.40		
Town Accountant — Other Expense .....		1,410.00		1,410.00	1,309.54	100.46	
Out of State Travel .....		200.00		200.00	—0—	200.00	
Town Clerk — Salary .....		9,609.60		9,609.60	9,609.60		
Principal Clerk .....		6,601.40		6,601.40	6,601.40		
Senior Clerk .....		5,132.40		5,132.40	5,132.40		
Extra Clerical .....		2,304.75		2,304.75	2,304.75		
Town Clerk — Other Expense .....		1,000.00		1,000.00	941.93	58.07	
Car Allowance .....		300.00		300.00	300.00		
Equipment .....		500.00		500.00	407.59	92.41	
Town Treasurer — Salary .....		9,713.60		9,713.60	9,713.60		
Principal Clerk .....		6,459.96		6,459.96	6,116.52	343.44	
Senior Clerk .....		5,241.60		5,241.60	4,982.86	258.74	
Town Treasurer — Other Expense .....		2,090.00		2,090.00	1,804.01	285.99	
Postage .....		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		
Certification Expense .....		2,500.00		2,500.00	147.00	2,353.00	
Car Allowance .....		240.00		240.00	240.00		
Equipment .....		200.00		200.00	183.00	17.00	
Town Collector — Salary .....		10,025.60		10,025.60	10,025.60		
Administrative Assistant .....		7,677.80		7,677.80	7,677.80		
Senior Clerk .....		5,454.80		5,454.80	5,454.80		



Extra Clerical .....	1,843.80		1,843.80	1,841.35	2.45
Town Collector — Other Expense .....	3,725.00	500.00	4,225.00	4,025.00	200.00
Equipment .....	675.00		675.00	674.80	.20
Car Allowance .....	240.00		240.00	240.00	
Assessors — Salaries .....	7,700.00		7,700.00	7,700.00	
Administrative Assistant .....	7,677.80		7,677.80	7,677.80	
Principal Clerk .....	6,563.96		6,563.96	6,563.96	
Extra Clerical .....	2,600.00		2,600.00	2,600.00	
Assessors — Other Expense .....	1,325.00	481.62	1,806.62	1,723.56	83.06
Photocopies .....	700.00		700.00	493.80	206.20
Equipment .....	686.00		686.00	682.46	3.54
Up-Dating Maps .....	200.00		200.00		200.00
Car Allowance — Assessors .....	450.00		450.00		
Revaluation .....			31,367.00	21,817.00	9,550.00
Out of State Travel .....	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Town Counsel — Salary .....	4,900.00		4,900.00	4,900.00	
Town Prosecutor — Salary .....	2,100.00		2,100.00	2,100.00	
Law — Other Expense .....	1,000.00		1,000.00	737.53	262.47
Appraisals .....	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Court Appeals .....	1,000.00		1,000.00	800.00	200.00
Collective Bargaining .....	3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00
Juvenile Court Officer .....		200.00	200.00	86.34	113.66
Election and Registration:					
Registrars — Salaries .....	1,250.00		1,250.00	1,250.00	
Street Listing — Salaries .....	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,900.80	99.20
Election Officers — Salaries .....	4,000.00	2,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Elect. and Regist. — Other Expense ...	3,700.00		3,700.00	3,662.91	37.09
Printing Street List .....	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Voting Machine Rental .....	6,568.57		6,568.57	6,568.57	
Adm. Building — Custodial Service .....	6,058.00		6,058.00	6,058.00	
Telephone Operator .....	4,663.36		4,663.36	4,611.75	51.61
Extra Clerical .....	1,500.00	500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Fuel, Light and Telephone .....	10,450.00		10,450.00	10,450.00	
Repairs and Maintenance .....	3,005.00		3,005.00	2,176.07	828.93
Major Repairs and Equipment .....	1,150.00	369.00	3,014.82	2,922.86	91.96
Package Insurance .....	1,495.82	2,002.76	3,348.76	3,348.76	

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	Balance 1/1/70	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Copy Machine Supplies .....		1,050.00		1,050.00	1,045.97	4.03	
Other Town Build. — Repairs & Main.		500.00		500.00	78.01	421.99	
<b>TOTAL—GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$ 32,862.82</b>	<b>\$ 210,941.25</b>	<b>\$ 7,103.38</b>	<b>\$ 250,907.45</b>	<b>\$ 227,718.15</b>	<b>\$ 13,639.30</b>	<b>\$ 9,550.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>							
Fire Chief — Salary .....	\$	\$ 12,436.40	\$	\$ 12,436.40	\$ 12,436.40	\$	\$
Firefighters — Lieutenants .....		351,231.00		351,231.00	346,021.45	5,209.55	
Fire — Clerical .....		500.00		500.00	498.42	1.58	
Fire — Call Men — Salary .....		4,500.00		4,500.00	1,116.00	3,384.00	
Fire Warden — Salary .....		150.00		150.00	150.00		
Fire — Other Expense .....		8,622.00		8,622.00	8,179.53	442.47	
Apparatus Repairs .....		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,968.64	31.36	
Fire Prevention Car .....		2,781.00		2,781.00	2,781.00		
Fire Hose and Equipment .....		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,989.90	10.10	
Fire Uniforms and Equipment for Men		1,806.00		1,806.00	1,785.02	20.98	
Fire — Work Clothing .....		1,900.00		1,900.00	1,891.53	8.47	
Building Repairs and Maintenance .....		1,140.00	300.00	1,440.00	1,335.49	104.51	
Out of State Travel .....		250.00		250.00	180.65	69.35	
Police Chief — Salary .....		13,116.80		13,116.80	13,116.80		
Regular Police — Salaries .....		345,402.00		345,402.00	326,685.53	18,716.47	
Police — Senior Clerk .....		5,558.80		5,558.80	5,558.80		
School Traffic Officers .....		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,756.00	244.00	
Safety Officer Program .....		3,386.00		3,386.00	2,610.28	775.72	
Police — Other Expense .....		4,187.00		4,187.00	3,547.20	639.80	
Telephone and Teleprocessing .....		3,200.00		3,200.00	1,829.59	1,370.41	
Supplies and Equipment .....		1,600.00		1,600.00	1,596.76	3.24	
Cruiser Repairs and Maintenance .....		14,300.00		14,300.00	14,130.33	169.67	
Uniforms .....		4,590.00		4,590.00	4,447.12	142.88	188.82
Duty Injuries — Officers .....		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,311.18		7,744.11
New Cruisers — 1970 .....		12,900.00		12,900.00	5,155.89		
New Cruisers — 1969 .....	8,535.51			8,535.51	8,535.51		
False Arrest Insurance .....			1,386.00	1,386.00	1,386.00		

Out of State Travel .....	250.00			250.00	132.00	118.00
Inspector Weights & Measures — Salary .....	7,807.80			7,807.80	7,807.80	
All Other Expense .....	205.00			205.00	197.27	7.73
Equipment .....	200.00			200.00	113.32	86.68
Car Allowance .....	720.00			720.00	720.00	
Building Inspector — Salary .....	10,019.10			10,019.10	10,019.10	
Electrical Inspector — Fees .....	4,200.00			4,200.00	3,024.00	1,176.00
Plumbing Inspector — Fees .....	4,800.00			4,800.00	3,744.00	1,056.00
Building Inspector — Senior Clerk — Salary .....	4,798.04			4,798.04	4,798.04	
All Other Expense .....	1,000.00			1,000.00	869.87	130.13
Car Allowance .....	720.00		240.00	960.00	960.00	
Code Books .....	100.00			100.00	—0—	100.00
Tree Warden — Salary .....	1,300.00			1,300.00	1,300.00	
Forestry — Labor .....	6,500.00		1,000.00	7,500.00	7,497.00	3.00
Equipment Rental .....	6,000.00		1,000.00	7,000.00	6,993.00	7.00
Spraying .....	1,000.00			1,000.00	870.00	130.00
Tree Planting .....	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,990.00	10.00
Civil Defense — Administration .....	1,087.00	.12		1,087.12	1,087.12	
Other Expense .....	4,400.00	95.21	381.00*	4,876.21	4,811.35	64.86
Out of State Travel .....	100.00			100.00	100.00	
TOTAL — PUBLIC SAFETY .....	\$ 8,730.84	\$ 869,163.94	\$ 4,307.00	\$ 882,201.78	\$ 840,034.89	\$ 34,169.10
PUBLIC HEALTH						
Health Agent — Salary .....	\$ 9,773.40	\$	\$	9,773.40	7,492.50	\$ 2,280.90
Senior Clerk — Salary .....	4,607.07			4,607.07	4,607.07	
Public Health Nurses .....	15,693.60			15,693.60	15,469.95	223.65
Substitute Nurse .....	756.00		612.00	1,368.00	976.38	391.62
Animal Inspector — Salary .....	300.00			300.00	275.00	25.00
Slaughter Inspector — Salary .....	168.00			168.00	166.50	1.50
Health — Other Expense .....	2,050.00		622.46	2,672.46	2,651.60	20.86
T.B. Hospital .....	8,000.00	713.00	2,100.00	10,813.00	9,871.28	941.72
Nurses Care Expense .....	500.00			500.00	495.00	4.65
Board of Health Doctor .....	400.00			400.00	400.00	
Baby Clinic Doctor .....	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Car Allowance — Health Agent .....	720.00			720.00	420.00	300.00
Equipment .....	289.00			289.00	271.90	17.10



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	Balance 1/1/70	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Mosquito Control .....		3,500.00		3,500.00	3,497.80	2.20	
Westfield Area Mental Health .....		4,725.00		4,725.00	4,725.00		
<b>TOTAL — PUBLIC HEALTH .....</b>	<b>\$ 713.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,782.07</b>	<b>\$ 3,334.46</b>	<b>\$ 55,829.53</b>	<b>\$ 51,620.33</b>	<b>\$ 3,267.48</b>	<b>\$ 941.72</b>
<b>GYPSY MOTH CONTROL .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS</b>							
<b>Sanitation:</b>							
Garbage .....	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00	20,000.00	\$	\$
Dump Rental .....		32,826.00		32,826.00	32,824.95	1.05	
Rubbish Contract .....		33,565.00		33,565.00	33,562.49	2.51	
Rubbish — Other Expense .....		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,983.40	16.60	
Pumping and Lift Stations .....		3,240.00	4,159.98	7,399.98	7,399.98		
Sewer Maint. and Surface Drainage .....		22,000.00		22,000.00	21,989.04	10.96	
School St. and River Rd. Dredging .....	3,200.00			3,200.00	3,157.05	42.95	
Silver St. Storm Drain .....	9,070.06			9,070.06	3,616.00		5,454.06
Belvidere St. Surface Drainage .....		15,200.00		15,200.00	9,890.05		5,309.95
Shoemaker Lane Drainage .....		6,400.00		6,400.00	5,725.11		674.89
Relocate Fairview Sewer .....	2,082.95			2,082.95	765.00	1,317.95	
Sewer and Surface Drainage Report .....	48,000.00			48,000.00	32,661.49		15,338.51
South Main St. Sewer Study .....	13,889.83			13,889.83			13,889.83
Sewers, Systems, etc. B.I. ....		6,000.00		6,000.00	66.00		5,934.00
<b>TOTAL — SANITATION .....</b>	<b>\$ 76,242.84</b>	<b>\$ 141,231.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,159.98</b>	<b>\$ 221,633.82</b>	<b>\$ 173,640.56</b>	<b>\$ 1,392.02</b>	<b>\$ 46,601.24</b>

## HIGHWAYS

1961 Ch. 90 Construction, North St. ....	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	\$	5,000.00
1961 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....		5,431.46		5,431.46	11.80		5,419.66
1963 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....		29,469.74		29,469.74			29,469.74
1964 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....		33,411.00		33,411.00			33,411.00
1965 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....		8,495.00		8,495.00			8,495.00
1966 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....		8,595.00		8,595.00			8,595.00
1968 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....		8,395.00	291.28	8,686.28			8,686.28



1969 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....	28,612.48					28,612.48
1970 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....						41,595.00
1970 Ch. 90 Maintenance .....	41,600.00				5.00	
1969 Road Construction Ch. 768; S-4 .....	15,000.00					
1969 Road Construction Ch. 768; S-5 .....	8,748.07				.05	
1967 Road Construction Ch. 616; S-4 .....	26,244.21				15.83	
1967 Traffic Design Ch. 518 .....		8.34			8.34	
1970 Reconstruction, Hunt St. ....	805.00					805.00
Highway Maintenance .....	27,600.00					27,600.00
Sidewalk Maintenance .....	71,500.00			4,100.00	75,592.84	7.16
1962 Suffield St. Sidewalk .....	2,500.00				2,474.65	25.35
1962 Road Construction Ch. 782 .....	13,700.00					13,700.00
D.P.W. Sidewalk Construction .....	291.28					
Mitineague Bridge .....	5,000.00				291.28	291.28
Franklin St. Sidewalk .....	43,600.00				4,974.70	25.30
River Road — Shady Lane .....	4,300.00					43,600.00
Phelps School Property .....	2,500.00				8,553.52	946.48
Road Machinery .....	26,500.00				3,314.05	985.95
Snow and Ice Removal .....	50,000.00			1,871.00	1,600.40	899.60
Equipment:				28,371.00	28,361.58	9.42
Backhoe Loader .....	11,498.47			59,000.00	58,997.53	2.47
3-Ton Dump Truck .....	7,426.00					
Sand Spreader .....	2,490.00				11,498.47	
1/2-Ton Pickup .....	2,000.00				7,426.00	
Engineering Truck .....	2,540.20				2,490.00	
Superintendent — D.P.W. ....	13,956.80				2,000.00	49.80
Secretary to Supt. — Salary .....	7,573.80				2,540.20	
Principal Clerk — Salary .....	6,294.47				2,540.20	
Personnel Services .....	211,236.00				13,956.80	
Town Engineer — Salary .....	13,049.40				7,573.80	
Assistant Town Engineer — Salary .....	9,010.82				6,294.47	
Engineering — Other Salaries .....	20,708.10				207,814.36	3,421.64
Engineering Consulting Services .....	1,000.00				13,049.40	
Engineering Personnel Training .....	250.00				9,010.82	
D.P.W. — Police Salaries .....	2,250.00				20,708.10	
D.P.W. — Adm. Other Expense .....	950.00				1,000.00	429.63
				1,000.00	418.85	581.14
				250.00	150.00	100.00
				3,250.00	3,021.95	228.05
				950.00	898.60	51.40

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	Balance 1/1/70	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Adm. — Equipment .....		400.00		400.00	300.00	100.00	
Engineering — Other Expense .....		900.00		900.00	888.23	11.77	
Equipment .....		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,232.30	67.70	
Car Allowance (Mileage) .....		250.00		250.00	245.87	4.13	
Street Lights .....		95,000.00		95,000.00	76,637.72	10,801.90	7,560.38
TOTAL — HIGHWAYS & ENG. ....	\$ 151,714.30	\$ 735,467.62	\$ 15,971.00	\$ 903,152.92	\$ 621,538.98	\$ 43,832.37	\$ 237,781.57
VETERANS' BENEFITS .....	\$	\$ 79,200.00	\$	\$ 79,200.00	\$ 72,189.91	\$ 5,010.09	\$ 2,000.00
SCHOOL							
Operating Expense, Salaries .....	\$	\$3,058,940.00	\$	\$3,058,940.00	\$3,001,376.25	\$ 57,563.75	\$
Transportation .....		132,160.00		132,160.00	130,692.37	1,467.63	
Out of State Travel .....		1,000.00		1,000.00	765.63	234.37	
TOTAL — SCHOOL .....	\$	\$3,192,100.00	\$	\$3,192,100.00	\$3,132,834.25	\$ 59,265.75	\$
Art. #65 ATM — SCHOOL — AGAWAM HIGH ROOF REPAIR .....	\$	\$ 30,000.00	\$	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$	\$
LIBRARIES							
Chief Librarian — Salary .....	\$	\$ 9,445.80	\$	\$ 9,445.80	\$ 9,445.80	\$	\$
Administrative Assistant .....		6,436.04		6,436.04	6,436.04		
Other Salaries .....		22,549.00		22,549.00	21,738.07	810.93	
Library — Other Expense .....		5,400.00		5,400.00	3,590.30	1,809.70	
Books and Periodicals .....		12,300.46		12,300.46	12,297.82	2.64	
Fuel, Light and Telephone .....		2,500.00	325.00	2,825.00	2,631.88	193.12	
Equipment .....		500.00		500.00	500.00		
Car Allowance — Chief Librarian .....		475.00		475.00	475.00		
Survey — Library Needs .....		2,000.00		2,000.00			2,000.00
Out of State Travel .....		150.00		150.00	150.00		
Library Addition — Furnishings .....	123.08			123.08	88.00	35.08	
TOTAL — LIBRARIES .....	\$ 123.08	\$ 61,756.30	\$ 325.00	\$ 62,204.38	\$ 57,329.91	\$ 2,851.47	\$ 2,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE  
NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL,  
FEEDING HILLS

Preliminary Plans & Committee Expense	\$	1,501.50	\$	43,457.23	\$	1,501.50	\$	21.43	\$	1,480.07
*New Junior High School .....								38,507.44		4,949.79
	\$	1,501.50	\$	43,457.23	\$	1,501.50	\$	38,528.87	\$	6,429.86

\*Loan Authorized \$4,800,000.00

ACQUISITION OF LAND

Land Taking — School Purposes .....	\$	900.00	\$		\$	900.00	\$		\$	900.00
Heirs D. Crowley .....		150.00				150.00				150.00
Elbert Road — Easement .....		2.00				2.00				2.00
Maynard Street .....		1.00				1.00				1.00
Silver Street — Easement .....		1.00				1.00				1.00
School and Fire Purposes .....		11,702.30				11,702.30				11,702.30
Lealand Ave. and Valentine St. ....		1,000.00				1,000.00				1,000.00
North Street .....		47.00				47.00				47.00
Suffield Street .....				5,000.00		5,000.00		3,558.19		1,441.81
Mary E. Stebbins Property .....				7,000.00		7,000.00				7,000.00
Treat and Johnson Property .....				7,000.00		7,000.00				7,000.00
Bridge Street .....				402.00		402.00		400.00		2.00
South Main Street .....				6,125.00		6,125.00		2,825.00		3,300.00
TOTAL — ACQUISITION OF LAND	\$	13,803.30	\$	25,527.00	\$	39,330.30	\$	6,783.19	\$	32,547.11

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS  
AND RECREATION

Parks — Director — Salary .....	\$		\$	8,155.94	\$	8,155.94	\$		\$	
Parks — Labor — Maintenance .....				7,130.00		7,130.00		6,802.43		327.57
Parks — Recreational Programs .....				19,772.00		19,772.00		14,162.49		5,609.51
Parks — Arts and Crafts — Salaries .....				1,142.00		1,142.00		751.27		390.73
Parks — Supervisors, etc., Summer .....				12,285.00		12,285.00		12,111.21		173.79
All Other Expense .....				3,835.00		3,835.00		3,506.60		328.40
Director — Car Allowance .....				760.00		760.00				
Parks — 1-Ton Stake Body Truck .....				2,900.00		2,900.00		2,899.00		1.00
Parks — Equipment .....				7,301.00		7,301.00		7,272.52		28.48
Parks — Equipment .....		965.00				965.00		965.00		



# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1970

	Balance 1/1/70	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Building Repairs and Maintenance .....		1,646.00		1,646.00	1,627.26	18.74	
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance .....		750.00		750.00	705.08	44.92	
Out of State Travel .....			100.00	100.00	100.00		
<b>TOTAL — PARKS .....</b>	<b>\$ 965.00</b>	<b>\$ 65,676.94</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 66,741.94</b>	<b>\$ 59,818.80</b>	<b>\$ 6,923.14</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCIL EXPENSES:</b>							
Planning Board .....		2,420.00		2,420.00	2,420.00		\$
Other Expense .....		950.00		950.00	842.55	107.45	
Engineering Expense .....	1,200.00			1,200.00		1,200.00	
Board of Appeals — Clerical .....		1.00		1.00		1.00	
Other Expense .....		700.00		700.00	676.92	23.08	
Finance Committee — Clerical .....		750.00		750.00	193.55	556.45	
Other Expense .....		685.00		685.00	286.20	398.80	
Capital Budget Commission Expense .....		325.00		325.00	97.86	227.14	
Consulting Fees .....		1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00	
Personnel Board — Clerical .....		225.00		225.00	193.20	31.80	
Other Expense .....		275.00		275.00	43.54	231.46	
Business Development Commission .....		552.00		552.00	323.93	228.07	
Other Expense .....		800.00		800.00	56.34	743.66	
Industrial Park — Survey .....		1.00		1.00		1.00	
Art. #72 ATM — Road Construction ..		30,000.00		30,000.00		30,000.00	
Publicity .....		2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	
Council on Aging — Custodial .....		620.00		620.00	620.00		
Arts and Crafts — Salaries .....		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,245.00	55.00	
Other Expense .....		1,740.00		1,740.00	1,740.00		
Building Rental .....		4,800.00		4,800.00	4,800.00		
Fuel, Light and Telephone .....		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,185.53	14.47	
Arts and Crafts Supplies .....		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Equipment .....		30.00		30.00	6.50	23.50	
Conservation Committee Expense .....		385.00		385.00	297.80	87.20	



Sidewalk and Safety Committee Expense												
TOTAL — BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCIL .....												
	\$	1,200.00	\$	52,309.00	\$		\$	53,509.00	\$	16,078.92	\$	37,430.08
UNCLASSIFIED												
Damages to Persons and Property .....	\$	49.43	\$	2,000.00	\$		\$	2,049.43	\$	1,071.00	\$	978.43
Town Reports .....				4,266.00		25.00		4,291.00		4,290.91		.09
Foreclosure — Tax Titles .....				350.00				350.00				350.00
Surety Bonds .....				1,000.00				1,000.00		888.00		112.00
Aid to Agriculture .....				25.00				25.00		25.00		
Previous Year's Bills .....				1,408.03				1,408.03		1,408.03		
Liability Insurance (WC) .....				14,638.00				14,638.00		14,027.00		611.00
Town Vehicle Insurance .....				9,379.00		1,852.07		11,231.07		11,179.41		51.66
Memorial Day .....				779.00				779.00		688.80		90.20
Agawam Chapter 55 D.A.V. ....				600.00				600.00		600.00		
WWI Barracks Rent .....				600.00				600.00		600.00		
Reserve Fund .....				45,000.00				45,000.00		44,770.19		229.81
Dog Law Enforcement .....				3,100.00				3,100.00		3,100.00		
Other Expense .....				600.00				600.00		458.04		141.96
Demolition #2 Fire Station .....		1,000.00						1,000.00		750.00		250.00
Investigating Suffield Street .....												
Administration Building Complex .....		1,000.00						1,000.00				1,000.00
Town By-Laws — Compilation .....		1,000.00		5,000.00				6,000.00				6,000.00
Revaluation — Town Jobs .....				3,000.00		500.00		3,500.00				3,500.00
Data Processing — Art #21 ATM .....				8,530.00				8,530.00		8,127.36		90.50
Fencing and Blacktopping Town Yard ...				1,750.00				1,750.00		1,749.99		.01
TOTAL — UNCLASSIFIED .....	\$	3,049.43	\$	102,025.03	\$	2,377.07	\$	107,451.53	\$	93,733.73	\$	3,127.30
ENTERPRISES												
Water — Other Expense .....	\$		\$	26,300.00	\$		\$	26,300.00	\$	26,266.27	\$	33.73
Metered Consumption .....				110,000.00		746.83		110,746.83		110,746.83		
Billing .....				900.00				900.00		854.49		45.51
Corey St. Water Main 8" .....				8,000.00				8,000.00		7,988.16		1.84
TOTAL — ENTERPRISES .....	\$		\$	145,200.00	\$	746.83	\$	145,946.83	\$	145,865.75	\$	81.08

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1970

	Balance 1/1/70	Appro- priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
<b>CEMETERIES</b>							
Maintenance .....	\$	925.00	\$	925.00	\$ 643.20	\$ 281.80	\$
Veterans' Graves .....		351.00		351.00	351.00		
Rebuilding .....		650.00		650.00	650.00		
Other Expense .....		50.00		50.00	46.14	3.86	
<b>TOTAL — CEMETERIES .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,976.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,976.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,690.34</b>	<b>\$ 285.66</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE'S PENSIONS AND BENEFITS</b>							
Non-Contributory Retirement .....	\$	4,793.00	\$	891.28	\$ 5,684.28	\$ 5,683.60	\$ .68
Contributory Retirement .....		103,897.00		103,897.00	103,896.22	.78	
Group Insurance and Hospitalization .....		54,450.00		1,395.19	55,845.19	55,839.34	5.85
<b>TOTAL — BENEFITS &amp; PENSIONS ..</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>163,140.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,286.47</b>	<b>\$ 165,426.47</b>	<b>\$ 165,419.16</b>	<b>\$ 7.31</b>
<b>MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST</b>							
Debt — Principal .....	\$	330,000.00	\$	330,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$	
Debt — Interest .....		65,950.00		2,340.00	68,290.00		
Temporary Loans — Interest .....		45,000.00		2,100.00	47,100.00	46,977.29	122.71
<b>TOTAL — DEBT AND INTEREST ...</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>440,950.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,440.00</b>	<b>\$ 445,390.00</b>	<b>\$ 445,267.29</b>	<b>\$ 122.71</b>
<b>INVESTMENT</b>							
Stabilization Fund .....	\$	100,000.00	\$	100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$	

## SUMMARY — APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

General Government .....	\$ 32,862.82	\$ 210,941.25	\$ 7,103.38	250,907.45	\$ 227,718.15	\$ 13,639.30	\$ 9,550.00
Public Safety .....	8,730.84	869,163.94	4,307.00*	882,201.78	840,034.89	34,169.10	7,997.79
Public Health .....	713.00	51,782.07	3,334.46	55,829.53	51,620.33	3,267.48	941.72
Gypsy Moth Control .....		500.00		500.00	500.00		
D.P.W. — Sanitation .....	76,242.84	141,231.00	4,159.98	221,633.82	173,640.56	1,392.02	46,601.24
D.P.W. — Highways and Engineering ...	151,714.30	735,467.62	15,971.00	903,152.92	621,538.98	43,832.37	237,781.57

Veterans' Benefits .....	79,200.00	79,200.00	72,189.91	5,010.09	2,000.00
Schools .....	3,192,100.00	3,192,100.00	3,132,834.25	59,265.75	
School — Agawam High Roof .....	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00		
Libraries .....	123.08	61,756.30	62,204.38	2,851.47	2,000.00
School Building Committee .....	1,501.50	43,457.23	44,958.73	38,528.87	6,429.86
Acquisition of Land .....	13,803.30	25,527.00	39,330.30	6,783.19	32,547.11
Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation .....	965.00	65,676.94	66,741.94	6,923.14	
Boards, Committees, Commissions and Councils .....	1,200.00	52,309.00	53,509.00	37,429.08	
Unclassified .....	3,049.43	102,025.03	107,451.53	3,127.30	10,590.50
Enterprises .....		145,200.00	145,946.83	81.08	
Cemeteries .....		1,976.00	1,976.00	285.66	
Employee's Benefits and Pensions .....		163,140.00	165,426.47	7.31	
Maturing Debt and Interest .....		440,950.00	445,390.00	122.71	
Stabilization Fund — Invested .....		100,000.00	100,000.00		
<b>TOTAL — APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>\$ 290,906.11</b>	<b>\$6,512,403.38</b>	<b>\$ 45,151.19*</b>	<b>\$6,280,617.03</b>	<b>\$ 211,403.86</b>
<b>\$ 356,439.79</b>					

Reserve Fund Transfers .....

\*U. S. Federal Grant — Civil Defense ....

\$45,151.19

#### REVOLVING FUNDS — RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES — 1970

Welfare — U. S. Grants .....	\$ 8,105.04	\$ 122.35	\$ 8,227.39	\$ 8,227.39	\$ 5,640.71
School Lunch Program .....	3,473.57	241,257.87	244,731.44	239,090.73	2,380.07
School Athletic Association .....	2,944.36	9,544.87	12,489.23	10,109.16	750.23
Schools ESEA Title II .....		3,552.88	3,552.88	2,802.65	5,719.03
Schools NDEA Title III .....	5,719.03		5,719.03		3,002.54
Schools Adult Evening Fund .....	2,951.51	1,697.00	4,648.51	1,645.97	2.94
Schools — Smith, Hughes, Barden .....	2.94				
<b>TOTAL — REVOLVING FUNDS .....</b>	<b>\$ 23,196.45</b>	<b>\$ 256,174.97</b>	<b>\$ 279,371.42</b>	<b>\$ 253,648.51</b>	<b>\$ 17,495.52</b>



# REPORT OF TRANSFERS VOTED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE — YEAR 1970

APPROPRIATION — OVERLAY RESERVE .....		\$	45,000.00
Department	Reserve Transfer To:	Amount	
Selectmen	Stationery, Postage and Supplies	\$	350.00
Town Collector	Postage		500.00
Assessors	Commitment Sheets — IBM		481.62
Law	Juvenile — Court Officers Fees		200.00
Election and Registration	Election Officers — Salaries		2,500.00
	Street Listing — Printing		200.00
Administration Building	Extra Clerical — Salaries		500.00
	Air Conditioner — IBM Room		369.00
	Package Insurance — Buildings and Contents		2,002.76
	(Added coverage of (5) Pumping Stations)		
Fire	Building Repairs		300.00
Police	Insurance — False Arrest		1,386.00
Building Department	Inspector — Car Allowance		240.00
	Labor		1,000.00
Forestry	Equipment Rental		1,000.00
Health	Substitute Nurse — Salary		612.00
	Rabies Clinic 6-6-70		329.61
	Advertising — Health Agent		292.85
	TB Hospital		2,100.00



Public Works	Police Salaries	1,000.00	
	Pumping Station Maintenance Contract	4,159.98	
	Highway Maintenance — Emergency Work — Tornado of October 3, 1970	4,100.00	
	Road Machinery	1,871.00	
	Snow and Ice Removal	9,000.00	
Library — Fuel, Light and Telephone	Fuel, Light and Telephone (New addition heated by electric)	325.00	
Town Reports	Town Reports — Printing	25.00	
Town Vehicle Insurance	Additional Equipment	766.07	
	Additional Premium (Revised Rates)	1,086.00	
Parks, Playgrounds	Out of State Travel	100.00	
Administration	Revaluation — Town Jobs — Contract	500.00	
Non-Contributory Retirement	Personnel Addition (D. L. Holmes)	891.28	
Group Insurance and Hospitalization	Blue Cross and Life Insurance	1,395.19	
Public Works	Water — Metered Consumption	746.83	
Town Treasurer	Debt — Interest	2,340.00	
	Temporary Loan — Interest	2,100.00	
	TRANSFERS VOTER .....	\$ 44,770.19	
	RETURNED TO OVERLAY RESERVE .....	229.81	
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		\$ 45,000.00	

# DETAIL OF INSIDE DEBT LIMIT

	% of Interest	Year Issued	Outstanding 1/1/70	Paid 1970	Outstanding 12/31/70	Principal Due 1971	Interest Due 1971	Date of Maturity
South Street School .....	2.60	1965	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,040.00	1974
Robinson School .....	3.80	1959	200,000.00	20,000.00	180,000.00	20,000.00	6,840.00	1979
High School Addition .....	3.10	1961	170,000.00	15,000.00	165,000.00	15,000.00	4,572.50	1981
Granger School Addition .....	3.10	1964	240,000.00	20,000.00	220,000.00	20,000.00	6,510.00	1984
Springfield St. Storm Drain .....	3.10	1961	40,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	310.00	1971
Feeding Hills Fire Station No. 2 .....	3.25	1967	70,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	568.75	1971
Memorial Park Drive, Sewer .....	4.40	1968	290,000.00	25,000.00	265,000.00	25,000.00	11,110.00	1983
Suffield Street — Land Taking .....	6.50	1969	56,000.00	20,000.00	36,000.00	20,000.00	2,340.00	1972
			\$1,116,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 951,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 33,291.25	

# DETAIL OF OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT

Phelps School Addition .....	1.70	1952	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	255.00	1972
New High School .....	2.25	1954	150,000.00	30,000.00	120,000.00	30,000.00	2,362.50	1974
New High School .....	2.25	1956	375,000.00	75,000.00	300,000.00	75,000.00	5,906.25	1974
South Street School .....	2.60	1959	55,000.00	15,000.00	40,000.00	15,000.00	1,040.00	1973
Robinson School .....	3.80	1963	115,000.00	15,000.00	100,000.00	15,000.00	3,800.00	1979
Water Distribution .....	4.40	1968	280,000.00	20,000.00	260,000.00	20,000.00	11,000.00	1983
			\$1,005,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 840,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 24,363.75	
GRAND TOTAL .....			\$2,121,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$1,791,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 57,655.00	

# LOANS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED:

South Main Street Sewers .....	\$ 294,000.00
Sewers, Sewerage Systems .....	2,715,000.00
New Junior High School, Feeding Hills ....	4,800,000.00
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	\$7,809,000.00

# TOWN OF AGAWAM — BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1970

## ASSETS

Cash Revenue .....	\$354,834.11
Invested Cash .....	500,000.00
Non-Revenue Cash .....	19,220.42
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Petty Cash Advance .....	\$874,054.53
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1964 .....	31.00
Personal Property .....	
Levy of 1965 .....	
Personal Property .....	1,938.20
Levy of 1966 .....	
Personal Property .....	3,554.00
Levy of 1967 .....	
Personal Property .....	878.50
Levy of 1968 .....	
Personal Property .....	1,221.00
Levy of 1969 .....	
Personal Property .....	1,688.40
Real Estate .....	
Levy of 1970 .....	
Personal Property .....	10,893.74
Real Estate .....	324,571.50
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Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:	
Levy of 1967 .....	8,310.08
Levy of 1968 .....	9,527.70
Levy of 1969 .....	17,772.55
Levy of 1970 .....	114,263.21
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	149,873.54

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:	
Blue Cross, Blue Shield .....	\$ 966.15
Life Insurance .....	235.04
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Reserve — Petty Cash Advance .....	\$ 1,201.19
Miscellaneous Bid Guarantees .....	31.00
Water Guarantee Deposits .....	760.00
Planning Board Deposits .....	150.00
Board of Appeals Deposits .....	140.00
Employees' Insurance Fund .....	110.40
Tailings .....	3,527.73
County Dog Licenses .....	152.13
Council on Aging — Gift Fund .....	18.75
Library — Gift Fund .....	1,269.11
Agawam Charter Commission Ch. 43B S-8B	45.52
Trust Fund Income:	1,988.11
Desire A. Pyne .....	259.26
Whiting Street, Worthy Poor .....	603.73
Mary Phelon School Fund .....	602.35
Mary Phelon Library Fund .....	69.89
Davis Library Fund .....	2,023.01
Old Cemetery Fund .....	144.58
Feeding Hills Cemetery, General Care .....	24.60
Feeding Hills Cemetery, Perpetual Care ..	25.69
Maple Grove Cemetery .....	211.92
Lydia Roberts Cemetery Fund .....	258.76
Faolin Peirce Scholarship .....	1,203.50
Clara H. Williams Nursing .....	66.95
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Overlay Reserve .....	5,494.24
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:	45,356.14
1964 Overlay .....	1,938.20

# ASSETS

## Special Assessments:

1969 Apportioned Sewer .....	8.00
1970 Apportioned Sewer .....	339.01
1970 Apportioned Sidewalk .....	5.00
1969 Committed Interest .....	7.92
1970 Committed Interest .....	132.46
Apportioned Special Assessment PIA .....	88.00
Apportioned Committed Interest PIA .....	.88

Tax Titles .....	19,407.76
Tax Possessions .....	7,273.78

## Departmental:

a/r Sewer .....	1,360.00
a/r Highway .....	168.70
a/r Schools .....	105.00
a/r Sewer and Water — Lieu of Taxes .....	4,997.33

## Water:

Water Rates .....	12,248.06
Water Misc. Billings .....	2,629.88
1969 Water Liens .....	540.25
1970 Water Liens .....	2,738.69

## Aid to Highways:

State .....	119,875.00
County .....	46,650.00

## Loans Authorized:

Under Estimates:	
1970 State Recreation Areas .....	
Final Court Judgments .....	
Due from Federal:	
Water Distr. Proj. No. WS-1-22-0104 .....	

# LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

1965 Overlay .....	3,554.00
1966 Overlay .....	878.50
1967 Overlay .....	1,221.00
1968 Overlay .....	11,688.40
1969 Overlay .....	28,238.62
1970 Overlay .....	145,858.17

193,376.89

## Revolving Funds:

School Lunch Program .....	5,640.71
School Athletic Association .....	2,380.07
NDEA Title III .....	5,719.03
ESEA Title II .....	750.23
Adult Evening Tuition Fund .....	3,002.54
Smith, Hughes, Barden .....	2.94
Civil Defense — Other .....	64.86

17,560.38

## Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

Assessors — Revaluation .....	9,550.00
Police — New Crusiers .....	7,744.11
Police — Duty Injuries .....	188.82
Health — TB Hospital .....	941.72
1969 Silver St. Storm Drain .....	5,454.06
Sewer and Surface Drain Report .....	15,338.51
South Main St. Sewer Study .....	13,889.83
Sewers, Sewerage Systems .....	5,934.00
Belvidere St. Surface Drain .....	5,309.95
Shoemaker Lane (near Josef's) .....	674.89
1961 Ch. 90 Construction, North St. ....	5,000.00
1961 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....	5,419.66
1963 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....	29,469.74
1964 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....	33,411.00
1965 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....	8,495.00
1966 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....	8,595.00
1968 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....	8,686.28

6,631.03

18,156.88

166,525.00  
7,809,000.00

2,061.36  
962.65

25,000.00



1969 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....	28,612.48
1970 Ch. 90 Construction, Suffield St. ....	41,595.00
1967 Suffield St. Sidewalk .....	13,700.00
1969 Franklin St. Sidewalk .....	946.48
1970 River Road Sidewalk .....	985.95
1970 School St. Sidewalk .....	899.60
1967 Chapter 519 Traffic Design .....	805.00
Street Lights .....	7,560.38
Veterans' Benefits .....	2,000.00
New Jr. High School, Feeding Hills .....	4,949.79
New Jr. High School, Feeding Hills — Preliminary Plans and Expenses .....	1,480.07
Land Taking — School Purposes .....	900.00
Heirs — D. Crowley .....	150.00
Easement Elbert Road .....	2.00
Maynard Street .....	1.00
Easement — Jerry Zerra .....	1.00
School and Fire Purposes .....	11,702.30
Lealand Ave. and Valentine St. ....	1,000.00
North Street — Draghetti .....	47.00
Suffield St. Drain, Chapter 79 .....	1,441.81
Mary E. Stebbins Property .....	7,000.00
Treat and Johnson Property .....	7,000.00
Survey — Library Requirements .....	2,000.00
Investigating — Adm. Complex .....	1,000.00
Town By-Laws — Compilation .....	6,000.00
Revaluation — Town Jobs .....	3,500.00
Data Processing .....	90.50
Mittineague Bridge — State .....	43,600.00
Land Taking — Bridge Street .....	2.00
South Main St. Sewer Project .....	3,300.00
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	356,374.93
Loans Authorized and Unissued .....	7,809,000.00
Temp. Loan Ant. Fed. Reimb.	
Project No. WS-1-22-0104 .....	25,000.00

# ASSETS

# LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Overestimates:		
1970 County Tax .....	15,755.37	
1970 Lower Pioneer Valley—Air Pollution.....	300.63	16,056.00
Surplus Revenue .....		601,985.16
Non-Revenue:		
Conn. River Interceptor Sewer .....	314.48	
Memorial Park, etc. Sewers .....	1,328.26	
New Jr. High School, Feeding Hills .....	6,542.77	
Fire Station No. 2, Feeding Hills .....	11,016.92	
Water Distribution .....	17.99	
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		19,220.42
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise .....	149,873.54	
Special Assessments .....	581.27	
Tax Title and Possessions .....	26,681.54	
Departmental .....	6,631.03	
Water .....	18,156.88	
Aid to Highways .....	166,525.00	
		368,449.26
		<u>\$9,467,267.36</u>

# DEFERRED REVENUE

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue Not Due .....	\$ 15,454.39	Apportioned Sewer Assessment Due 1971-1989 .....	\$ 15,454.39
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessment Not Due .....	85.00	Apportioned Sidewalk Assessment Due 1971-1978 .....	85.00
	<u>\$ 15,539.39</u>		<u>\$ 15,539.39</u>

## State Bureau of Accounts

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the general accounts of the town of Agawam for the period from July 1, 1966, and of the accounts of the town treasurer from January 10, 1967, to July 31, 1969, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Chief of Bureau.

Arthur H. MacKinnon  
Director of Accounts

Mr. Arthur H. Mackinnon  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporation and Taxation  
Boston, Massachusetts

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the general accounts of the town of Agawam for the period from July 1, 1966, and of the accounts of the town treasurer from January 10, 1967, the dates of the previous examinations, to July 31, 1969, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and compared with the records of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts in the office of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The general and appropriation ledger accounts were analyzed, and the recorded receipts were compared with the town treasurer's books and with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town. The recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants and with the town treasurer's record of cash disbursements. The appropriations, transfers, and loan authorizations were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed by the town meetings and with the finance committee's authorization of transfers from the reserve fund. The necessary adjustments resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on July 31, 1969, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The cash book was footed and the recorded receipts were compared with the town accountant's books, with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer, and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were compared with the warrants approved by the selectmen and with the town accountant's books.

The treasurer's cash balance on July 31, 1969 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the depositories and by actual count of the cash in the office.



The records pertaining to temporary loans and maturing debt were examined and checked. The loans issued were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, while the payments on account of maturing debt, temporary loans, and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and were checked with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The coupons outstanding on July 31, 1969, as well as the payments in advance for August 1, 1969 maturities, were listed and checked with the amounts on deposit in the bond and coupon accounts.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions were examined and checked. The taxes, assessments, and water liens transferred to the tax title account were compared with the books of the town collector, the redemptions were checked with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and reconciled with the controlling accounts in the town accountant's general ledger. The recorded transactions were further verified by comparison with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The records of payroll deductions for Federal and State taxes, the county retirement system, purchase of savings bonds, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, group life insurance, teachers' annuities, and the credit union were examined and checked. The purchase of bonds and the refunds to employees, as well as the payments to the proper agencies, were verified, while the balances on hand were checked with the respective controls in the town accountant's general ledger.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees were examined and listed. The income was proved, and all transactions and balances were verified and compared with the town treasurer's and the town accountant's books.

The books and accounts of the treasurer of the Western Hampden District Department of Veterans' Services were examined and checked in conjunction with the audit of the town treasurer's accounts. The receipts, consisting of town assessments and payroll deductions, were analyzed and checked. The payments were checked with the warrants authorizing the disbursements and with the cancelled checks, and the cash balance on July 31, 1969 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository and by listing the checks in the office.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax, excise, assessments, departmental, and water accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and checked with the warrants issued for their collection. The collections as recorded in the cash books were checked, the payments to the town treasurer were verified, the transfers to the tax title account were proved, and the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' and other departmental records of abatements granted. The outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger accounts, and the cash balance on July 31, 1969 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository and by actual count of the cash in the office.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the



town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records in the assessors' department pertaining to deferred sewer and drain and deferred sidewalk assessments were examined. The payments in advance were checked with the treasurer's recorded receipts, the amounts added to taxes were verified, and the apportionments due in future years were proved with the respective accounts in the town accountant's ledger.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses issued, as well as for miscellaneous fees and charges, were checked. The payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand July 31, 1969 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office.

The appropriations as voted were listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings, and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the tax rates for the period covered by the audit.

The available records of departmental cash collections of the selectmen and the sealer of weights and measures, as well as of the police, fire, health, public works, school, library, and park departments, and of all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked in detail. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, and the cash balances in the several departments were proved by actual count.

The petty cash accounts in the several departments were examined. The cash on hand was proved by actual count, and the petty cash expenditures were checked by examination of the vouchers on file.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the several cash accounts, summaries of the tax, excise, assessment, tax title, tax possession, departmental, and water accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the trust funds.

For the cooperation received from the several town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.



## **Capital Budget Committee**

The Capital Budget Committee, in this third year of activity, has continued with its efforts to provide guidance to the town meeting on major capital expenditures. At the 1970 Annual Town Meeting a Capital Budget Program was submitted, pointing out future capital outlay projects and scheduling them into a five year program of recommended implementation. We plan to follow-up this activity with a yearly revision of the program, reflecting changes in information received from the town departments, and according to revised estimates of tax and state receipts. It is gratifying to the committee that this program was accepted by the town meeting and that our warrant article for the establishment of a \$100,000 tax stabilization fund was approved nearly unanimously, with special thanks to the Town Treasurer for his support.

This year we find that we will not need to request funds for a consultant. This is primarily due to the issuance of a document by the State Department of Community Affairs titled "Guidelines for Capital Programming and Capital Budgeting in Cities and Towns." This document provides the detail needed to accurately tabulate past financial history in order to forecast the community's ability to finance future capital outlays. The scope of the work involved, however, has prompted us to request an increase in our committee membership, from five to seven members.

In general the many town departments have been most cooperative in furnishing information, and we anticipate continued cooperation in support of the program presented at town meeting.

## **Town Clerk**

The year just concluded has been an exceptionally busy one. In addition to the Annual Town Meeting which consisted of six sessions there were three special town meetings. The articles contained in each of the warrants covering the four meetings total one hundred and forty seven.

There were three regular elections, State Primary, State Election, the annual town election and a special election as a result of town meeting action regarding a zone change. With each of these elections there are all the preliminary preparations which we are required to accomplish, such as special registration sessions and bringing the voters list up to date with all the changes.

Now with the 1970 Voters' Rights Act which was enacted, this grants the 19 and 20 year old the right to vote in all municipal and state elections and further it grants the 18 year old the right to vote in any Federal Election. We are presently making preparations to take care of all these categories, it may mean we will have to carry two sets of voters lists. We are hopeful that with all the changes coming up in the election laws there is a possibility this situation may be corrected. We will publish releases from time to time so that all our people will be informed of any new changes regarding their voting rights.

In closing this my fourth annual report I want to say our goals for the coming year are the same as always — to serve you to the best of our ability.

On behalf of my staff and myself, I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, all other departments and our townspeople for the fine cooperation we have received to make this a year of progress.

Recorded through September 30, 1970

BIRTHS .....	354
DEATHS .....	155
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS .....	291
MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED .....	287
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RECORDED .....	773
TERMINATIONS .....	169
BUSINESS CERTIFICATES RECORDED AND COPIES .....	59
DOG LICENSES ISSUED .....	1789
Males .....	909
Females .....	239
Spayed .....	624
Kennels .....	17
RECORDING FEES .....	\$ 4,772.40
SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED .....	13,299.50
POLE LOCATIONS .....	49.00
GAS STORAGE PERMITS .....	880.00

## Town Treasurer

Our bonded debt balance for 1970 was at a low point, as predicted, putting the town in the best position for borrowing purposes that it has been in for quite a number of years. The 1970 Town Meeting approved of a \$4,850,000 school construction expenditure of which \$4,800,000 was to be bonded. In addition to the school construction that town meeting passed approval on the \$300,000 South Main Street Sewer project (\$204,000 to be bonded) and in addition it also approved of expending \$2,000,000 on a major sewer trunk line bisecting the town. Amount to be bonded — about \$1,400,000.

As can be seen by these figures, 1970 will go down in the town's history book as the year of the "bond issues" totaling \$6,404,000. This, in addition to our present balance of \$1,791,000, brings the town debt to an all time high of \$8,195,000. We believe we have reached the taxpayer limit and a good hard look should be given before any future construction appropriation takes place. Perhaps now is the time that a study should be undertaken to see if it is feasible to use our present schools on a full 12 month plan.

The interest due on the approved bonds for the year 1972 alone will amount to in excess of \$300,000 — add this to the principal payment and the town will be required to appropriate almost \$1,000,000 to cover payments due during 1972.



These payments, after State refunds, amount to over \$3 of the present tax rate of \$33.80 — or almost 10% of all our expenditures. The 20 year interest payments on the \$4,800,000 school will cost us \$2,540,000 or in excess of one-half again as much as the original cost. We will receive in State Aid during the 20 years \$2,043,000 thus making some recovery.

This department advises and recommends that a halt on bond issues be put into effect immediately and any capital expenditures be appropriated on a “pay as you go” method on a day to day income basis. Bonding must stop for at least the next five years so that we can reevaluate our financial situation and allow the tax payer to “catch his breath.”

An excellent example of self-preservation in the capital outlay field is the stabilization fund established in 1970. The town meeting members, in their wisdom, saw fit to appropriate and establish a stability fund in the amount of \$100,000. A stabilization fund is nothing more than a savings account — an opportunity to put away, under a four or five year plan, a large sum of our own money in order to pay cash for construction of necessary buildings for the town — say, for a Police Station and Town Hall expension or a new central Library or Recreation Center. Here we can use funds of our own that have been invested and earning interest for us instead of expending borrowed bond monies and paying out large sums on interest charges.

During the 1970 Town Meeting approval was given to place part of the town administration work under a data processing system. The system was established under the direction of the Treasurer and IBM equipment was rented and housed in the old Civil Defense office. After several months of intense preparatory work by the Assessing department, Collectors’ office and the Treasurer’s department the 1970 Tax Commitment list and tax bills were completed. Hopefully, now that the preliminary work has been accomplished, the next tax bills due will be processed easier and on time.

The town payroll has been now included in the data processing. Some work relief should be due in the departments that will be affected by the data processing. It is the town’s intention to incorporate into the data processing system water billing, accounts payable, accounts receivable, street listings, voter registration, industrial development listings, and other related fields.

We again urge the Town Meeting Members, townspeople and Town Officials to continue to support the request for additional amounts for the Stabilization Fund and to give serious thoughts and weigh carefully any decision for large expenditures that require bonding with the subsequent rise in those hidden interest charges.





# Town Collector

	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Out- standing 1-1-1971
TAXES:				
LEVY OF 1970				
Real Estate	4,588,178.46			
Refunds	12,135.01	4,170,697.29	101,705.24	
Tax Titles			3,339.44	324,571.50
Previous Years	178,852.13			
Refunds	88.20	138,083.31	3,529.50	
Tax Titles				37,327.52
Farm Excise	84.50	84.50		
Personal Property	251,517.63	219,492.13	21,131.76	10,893.74
Previous Years	26,004.10			
Refunds	9.70	8,042.50	3,055.50	14,915.80
Motor Vehicles	647,661.90			
Refunds	8,706.40	498,121.22	43,983.87	114,263.21
Previous Years	164,336.87			
Refunds	4,101.96	107,715.08	25,113.42	35,610.33
WATER:				
Rates	166,356.50	144,187.95	*8,226.46	
Refunds	200.52		1,894.55	12,248.96
Miscellaneous Billings	6,481.42	3,790.54	61.00	2,629.88
Water Liens:				
Added to 1970 Taxes	8,226.46	5,353.51		2,738.69
Tax Titles			134.26	
Previous Years	4,664.96	3,923.96		
Tax Titles			200.75	540.25
Water Connections	6,730.00	6,730.00		
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS:				
Sewer Connections	18,100.00	18,100.00		
Refunds	130.00		130.00	
Sewer Accounts Rec.	2,950.00	1,560.00	30.00	1,360.00
Highway Acc./Rec.	5,619.35	5,384.20	66.45	168.70
School	591.00	486.00		105.00
Veterans	34,005.96	34,005.96		
Health	2,426.00	2,426.00		
Liens	123.00	123.00		
BETTERMENTS:				
Apportioned Sewer				
Added to 1970 Taxes	1,984.21	1,625.38	19.82	339.01
Previous Years	83.50	75.50		8.00
Apportioned Sidewalk				
Added to 1970 Taxes	15.00	10.00		5.00
Committed Interest				
Added to 1970 Taxes	886.95	734.16	20.33	132.46
Previous Years	49.00	41.08		7.92
Unapportioned Sewer				
Levy of 1969	6,898.03	796.31	*6,101.72	
*Deferred Revenue				

## Board of Assessors

The Assessors report for 1970 takes on a somewhat different format since it is no longer required by law to file the so-called Table of Aggregates with the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation. In the past the information from the above has been used to establish the Assessors annual report.

We will endeavor to give you a statistical report with regard to the so-called Recapitulation Sheet from which the tax rate is derived.

### TOWN APPROPRIATIONS:

Total appropriations to be raised by taxation .....	\$6,355,230.34
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds .....	189,475.53
Veterans' Service District .....	10,316.54
Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts .....	43,117.12
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission .....	1,886.16

### COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS:

County Tax .....	148,940.46
1969 County Tax Underestimate .....	7,680.96

### STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS:

State Recreation Areas .....	25,673.75
1969 Underestimate (State Recreation Areas) .....	500.91
Audit of Municipal Accounts .....	13,312.71
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills .....	2,207.70
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control .....	1,575.00

OVERLAY FOR CURRENT YEAR .....	268,695.17
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Gross Amount to be Raised .....	\$7,068,612.35
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### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

1970 Estimated Receipts as certified by the Commissioner on the Cherry Sheet .....	889,884.48
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise .....	540,000.00
Licenses .....	20,000.00
Fines .....	6,500.00
Special Assessments .....	5,000.00
General Government .....	8,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property .....	1,000.00
Health and Sanitation .....	15,000.00
Libraries .....	700.00
Recreation .....	850.00
Public Service Enterprises (Water Dept.) .....	200,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments .....	9,000.00
Farm Animal Machinery and Equipment Excise .....	700.00
Lieu of Taxes (City of Springfield) .....	4,000.00
Lieu of Taxes (Agawam Housing Authority) .....	1,500.00
Office Rental (Welfare Office) .....	700.00
Overestimate from previous year .....	17.15
Amounts voted to be taken from available funds .....	526,081.53

Total Estimate Receipts and Available Funds .....	\$2,228,933.16
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION .....	\$4,839,679.19

**VALUATIONS:**

Personal Property .....	\$ 7,440,850
Real Estate .....	135,744,925
Total Valuation .....	<u>\$143,185,775</u>

**TAX RATE:**

\$33.80 per \$1,000 of valuation

**TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE .....** \$4,839,679.19

The revaluation of Agawam is now completed and the new assessments are in effect for 1970. The board feels that three prime objectives were accomplished by the revaluation program:

1. An equalization of tax assessments for all taxpayers.
2. A modern system of property appraisal has been installed.
3. A more healthful tax climate has been created for our town.

We feel that the new assessments established a base for the equitable distribution of the cost of local government services, school appropriations and capital improvements.

As Assessors we pledge to the taxpayers in our community that we will assure and re-assure that equalization of assessment will continue and that it will be our primary purpose as members of the board.

Prior to becoming an Assessor we take the following oath:

"I, having been chosen to assess taxes and estimate the value of property for the purpose of taxation for the Town of Agawam for the year ensuing, do swear that I will truly and impartially, according to my best skill and judgment, assess and apportion all such taxes as I may during that time assess; that I will neither overvalue nor undervalue any property subject to taxation, and that I will faithfully perform all the duties of said office."

We intend to live by this oath.

## **Development and Industrial Commission**

The Development and Industrial Commission was active during the past twelve months notwithstanding a Court decision which effectively put it out of business for about half a year.

At the Annual Town Meeting in March 1970, a vote was passed giving the commission a substantial operating fund, which it sorely needs and previously never had, to assist it in attracting industry to the town. One of the purposes of the fund was to enable the commission to complete the utilities in certain town streets, including paving, so that industry could be assured of having adequate utilities





We welcome the Jerry Lewis Cinema to Agawam. Pictured above is the architect's conception of the finished Jerry Lewis Cinema now under construction at the Southgate Shopping Center located at the corner of Suffield and Silver Streets. Because the cinema became part of the shopping complex after the construction was already started it may look just a bit different but, the over-all interior will be the same.

In an interview with Mr. Victor Baker, he furnished us with the following data: The Jerry Lewis Mini-Theatres are sparking a national drive for the return of wholesome family entertainment. The entire concept revolves around the family unit. Agawam because of its layout, good location and the fact there were no theatres here was picked as one of twenty theatre locations to be constructed and operated in the four Western Massachusetts counties.

Not only do they in the Jerry Lewis chain realize the need for a return to good films, but also in these days of rising inflation they are offering top flite entertainment in luxurious surroundings at a very moderate cost. Their policy will be geared to the best in children's movies for their week-end matinees. Jerry Lewis believes in bringing the movies to where the people are.

B. B. L. Cinema Corp., is a Western Mass. organization formed solely to build and operate Jerry Lewis Mini-Theatres in the four Western Mass. counties. They are projecting a minimum of twenty theatres within the next five years. Officers of the Corporation are:

Victor Baker, President and Treasurer    Leonard Berneche, Clerk    Larry Lamire, Vice President

Mr. Baker who will act in the capacity of General Manager of the chain further stated that the two units to be constructed in Agawam will seat approximately 250 people each. In concluding his interview he said that they would be happy to work with members of the youth in our town to sponsor or assist in other youth activities on the premises.

We extend to Mr. Baker and the Jerry Lewis Theatre a warm welcome to Agawam.

and access to their property. However, after the appropriation had been made, a suit was brought against the commission to prevent it from acting as intended.

The Hampden County Superior Court determined that the commission was not properly appointed as required by law and that, therefore, no expenditures could be made because it was not a valid town commission. In addition, the court ruled that the procedures presented for accepting the streets in question had not been followed by various town authorities and that no work could be done on them until they had been properly laid out and accepted. As a result of this decision, a special town meeting was held to create a new Development and Industrial Commission which was finally established in the fall.

During the year, two projects were substantially completed in which members of the Development and Industrial Commission played important roles. First, South-



gate Plaza, a major shopping center at the intersection of Silver and Suffield Streets was opened and brought to the town several large and well-known businesses, including Big Y Food Stores, Mars Bargainland, Roosevelt Mills and Fabric World. The center also includes a Gas Town gas station, a branch bank of First Bank and Trust Company of Hampden County and several other types of stores. Second, Industrial Lane was nearly completed by the sale of property to Atlas Shell Casting Co., Inc. and to Hampden Fence and Iron Works, Inc., who have constructed plants there. Commitments to purchase the final two properties on Industrial Lane are believed to be close to conclusion and may be announced in the near future.

Business activity generally also has been at a high level during the year. During this period, the following businesses have either been established in Agawam or prior facilities located here expanded or modernized: The Main Street Medical Center, 430 Plaza Package Store, George T. Jepson Art Gallery & Studio, This Is It "Ceramics," Mom's Snack Bar, Loughman Tool Company, Joseph Javorski, Dentist; Edward Vincent Real Estate and Taxi, Last Chance Restaurant, Louis F. Conti Rentals, Agawam Auction Center, Cecile N. Longtin Beauty Salon, Dennis Crowley Snack Bar and Horse Auction, Parr Manufacturing Company, Bostitch Machine Company, International Paper Company, Stanley Sales Company, Revco Inc., Engineered Devices Inc., Suburban Garage, AAA Answering Service, Joseph Cicotte Used Car Sales, Ed & Frans Restaurant, Egnatowich Bros. Realty, Particular Pooch Dog Grooming, The Grolier Society, A. B. & S. Burring & Finishing, J & B Vending, Apex Rendevous Inc., Village Barber Shop and Coiffeures, Feeding Hills Pizza House, Lawrence M. Kublin Music Company, Norma's Women's Specialty Shop, Taxco Inc. - Beneficial Tax Service, W. J. Donovan Company Beauty & Barber Supplies, WG Records Recording Studio, Emco Printing, and Agawam Pizza Shop.

Members of the commission are Carlo F. Bonavita, who served as Chairman; David M. Marshall, Vice-Chairman; Santo Cannarella, Secretary; David C. Gallano, Frank Chriscola, Jr. and Anthony Egnatowich. Nicholas N. Zucco was also a valued and active member of the commission until his untimely passing late in the year. In January, 1971, the Selectmen appointed Edward W. Schmidt to fill the vacancy on the commission.

The members of the Development and Industrial Commission have found during more than two years of energetic service for the town that they cannot accomplish all of the things which they would like to do because of the inherent limitations of town committees. Therefore, taking the lead from several other Massachusetts cities and towns which have previously done so, these men organized a non-profit corporation to operate in conjunction with the town commission for the purpose of industrial development. The non-profit corporation expects to be quite busy during the ensuing years and is seeking the participation of business-oriented townspeople who would like to contribute toward the economic development of Agawam. Interested persons can obtain information about the non-profit corporation and its activities by communicating with any of the members of the Development and Industrial Commission.

## Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works has been doing some advance planning over the past years in order to better serve the townspeople. This advance planning program was necessary in order to keep up with the tremendous growth of our town.

The water distribution project which was completed a year ago has solved the shortage of water in most every area of the town. We are continuing to add to this system each year in areas of rapid growth.

The sewer and surface drainage program which was initiated by this department for town meeting approval two years ago has proven advantageous to this department in our future planning. The South Main Street sewer is now under way, the interceptor sewer which will serve the western portion of town will be started in 1971 and a new surface drain on South Westfield Street and Shoemaker Lane area will be presented at the 1971 Annual Town Meeting for approval. This program will also enable the Planning Board in having developers install sewers and drains on future streets and tie them in when trunk lines are constructed so the new road surface will not be disturbed.

Through the efforts of this department and town officials over a period of five years, the construction of Suffield Street will become a reality. Lawler Construction Company of South Hadley was awarded the contract and construction should be started soon from Route 57 to Silver Street.

We instituted a program of bituminous concrete overlay on streets that already have sewer and drainage facilities. We intend to continue this program wherever it is possible. During this past year, we resurfaced Cooper and Mill Streets, where the road had been dug up for a new water line and a new telephone conduit. Through our efforts, the telephone company helped defray the expense of this work.

The following work was accomplished by the individual sections of our department:

**Administration:** The Public Works office is still being handled by two employees in spite of the increased demands of a growing community. This office processes 5,500 water bills twice a year along with the regular clerical duties. The processing of water bills will still be handled in this office, but the actual billing will be handled thru I.B.M. process.

**Highway Section:** Approximately 8,000 tons of Type I Bituminous Concrete was applied on 16 streets throughout the town. There also was 14,405 feet of asphalt curbing installed on various streets. Surface treatment of asphalt and stone was applied to approximately 3 miles of streets; this was in areas where future construction is anticipated. Street patching, shoulder clearing, street sweeping, resurfacing, brush cutting and all street signs and line painting are handled by this section.

**Sewer Section:** Surface drainage was installed on 16 streets in town. These were problem areas where flooding and ice conditions existed in the winter. We intend to continue this program where needed. Special sewer cleaning equipment was hired to clean catch basins and sewer lines to prevent backups. Two hundred

and thirty-three were cleared. All sewer connections, small surface drainage projects, maintenance of sewers and stoppages were serviced by this section of the D.P.W.

**Water Section:** Water lines were installed this year on Corey Street, Sylvan Lane and Perry Lane. Thirty-one house connections were installed; 27 lines were renewed and 12 water breaks were repaired. The water section has the responsibility of maintaining water mains, hydrants and installation of most of our new mains.

**Water Meter Section:** There are three full-time employees who work in the meter section. The meters are read twice a year and we usually add a few employees at reading time to assist our regular meter men. This section installs all new meters, repairs meters, repairs water leaks and breaks and replaces old meters. One hundred five new meters were installed, 82 were replaced and 90 meters were repaired.

**Rubbish:** The department had sponsored special pickups in 1970 for leaves, grass clippings and hedge clippings. This was in addition to the Spring and Fall clean-ups.

**Sidewalks:** There were three main sidewalks constructed in 1970 — Franklin Street, School Street and River Road. This department, working along with the Sidewalk and Safety Committee, has installed some small walks in areas where children walk to school and we felt these walks eliminated hazardous conditions in certain areas. Guard rails and other protective measures have been installed along with this program.

**Snow Plowing:** The purchase of a new 6-yard sand and salt spreader has been most helpful in our snow removal operations. We now have four spreaders and are able to cover all areas. The four storms that came in December put quite a strain on our equipment and our budget. We are responsible for approximately 150 miles of roadway, 30 miles of sidewalks and about eight acres of school parking area. Our new 2-yard loader is used to plow most all of the school yards; it is also used to load sand and salt and snow throughout the storms. We are now housed in what was formerly the Hampden Fence Building on Main Street and this has been a tremendous help to us in our snow removal operations and aiding us in keeping proper maintenance on all equipment used.

**Equipment:** We have been most fortunate in acquiring the best in modern equipment through the vote of the Town Meeting Members and the recommendations of the Finance Board.

**Garbage:** The Board of Selectmen have awarded a new three-year contract to Mr. Paul D'Amato for the collection of garbage. Mr. D'Amato has done an excellent job since he has had this contract over a period of years.

**Engineering Department:** In 1970 the Engineering Department was able to increase its full time staff from four to five members. This additional employee enabled the department to operate a three-man survey party at all times and still have two men available for office work. Also we have continued to employ a part-time inspector to oversee the construction of the improvements in the various subdivisions which eventually become the responsibility of the town.

The 1970 Town Meeting authorized the purchase of a new survey vehicle and



a Ford Econoline van was obtained in June. The department also purchased a new survey instrument, an automatic level, which has increased the efficiency and accuracy of the survey party's work.

Construction projects completed in the past year which were designed and supervised by the Engineering Department include the Belvidere Avenue and Shoemaker Lane storm drains, and sidewalks on Franklin Street, School Street and River Road. In addition to these projects all engineering work necessary for the Department of Public Works projects were performed by this department.

One of the responsibilities of the Engineering Department is to maintain records and plans of all town streets and utilities. In order that this information may be better preserved and be more accessible, we have reinitiated a program of placing these records and plans on film. This program was originally begun in 1953 and about half of our present records were filmed at that time. The department is doing this work itself with the survey party photographing the records during inclement weather when outside work is not possible.

Our recent program of installing street line monuments on accepted town streets, was continued with bounds being installed on James Street and Gunn-Geary Lane. These streets were accepted by the 1970 Town Meeting and had not previously properly monumented.

The department has continued to work closely with the Planning Board on subdivision control. The availability of a master plan for sanitary sewers has aided us in reviewing subdivision plans submitted in the past year. We were able to revise the plans of two subdivisions so that the sewers to be installed by the developers will form parts of future trunk sewers the town will eventually construct.

With the completion of the Sewerage and Drainage Study, the department hopes to develop a program and time schedule for the expansion of these utilities throughout the town. In determining the priority of projects in this program, we will attempt to hold meetings with the general public so that we may understand and evaluate their needs. The development of such a program would consider the town's financial capabilities and should be a benefit to the Capital Budget and Finance Committees in their planning of town expenditures.

**Conclusion:** In conclusion, as Superintendent of Public Works, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the personnel of my department for our many accomplishments, also the Board of Selectmen and all other department heads and the townspeople for their fine cooperation during the past year.





## Police Department

I hereby submit my annual report of the Police Department for year ending December 31, 1970.

This annual report should be of great interest to everyone as 1970 has been a very active year for the Police Department.

In the past years I have appealed to the general public to become involved with helping your Police Department. Now it is with great satisfaction that I thank the citizens who cooperate with us. To cite some actual instances: through information received on house breaks, either at the actual time or through information received from neighbors, resulted in the apprehension and subsequent conviction of offenders in five instances. Citizens through their awareness and concern for their areas have also aided your Police Department in the locating or the recovery of several stolen cars.

In addition to the general public, I would like especially to thank the Agawam Citizens organization for their involvement specifically in the distribution of the booklet to each residence in Agawam "Guardians Against Drug Abuse." Our narcotic officer solicited funds from local businesses and individuals to print this booklet as a program to inform young people, parents, and teachers as to the effects of drugs. This is the type of cooperation needed to combat the increasing problems facing our growing community.

Last year you allowed us to participate in the State and Federal Law Enforcement assistance program which involved a grant for Federal monies for the installation of a Teleprocessing system in the Agawam Police Station. This is a machine which allows us to transmit and receive information such as: wanted persons, stolen and suspicious motor vehicles, missing persons, etc. The extent of this coverage is such that we are linked to other local departments, to the main computer for Massachusetts, to other states, and also the Federal "National Crime Information Center" in Washington, D.C. Within the next few years, new categories of information which the machine can handle will further increase the value of services offered.

I wish to explain our further involvement in the National Crime Prevention and Control Program which offers funds to local police departments for approved programs to this goal. We have applied for and have received assurance of allotments for the Town of Agawam Police Department for several programs, emergency medical assistance, and the Safe Streets Act.

Under the Emergency Medical Assistance Program a grant of \$6,750 has been awarded to the Town of Agawam for the purchase of a new modern ambulance. The actual cost of a new ambulance will be lessened with the kind assistance of the Jaycees who will again solicit the townspeople and businesses for funds to help make up the cost difference.

Last year we were able to obtain through a State Program, a Breathalyzer for the town. Three officers were trained in the use of this machine. This cost to the town was nothing and did aid in reducing the court appearances necessary for successful prosecutions, thereby saving the citizens money.

This year, under the Safe Streets Act, we have applied for and received confirmation approval for the purchase of a Radar Set and two Handi-Talkies. Full reimbursement of \$2,585 will be made to the town upon completion of their portion of the agreement. Your Board of Selectmen have allowed the Chief of Police to become involved in the study of Mutual Aid for the Communities of Western Massachusetts for which a grant was received to complete the study by late 1971. With your support your Police Department will continue seeking State and Federal grants for services and equipment as they are offered, in order that we may better serve the town to our fullest capabilities.

Sgt. John Chriscola retired this year after a full and dedicated twenty-seven years of service to the town. At present we are awaiting his replacement to be determined from an upcoming examination. Retired Sgt. Minor was replaced this year by the appointment of Charles Cartello to the grade of Sergeant. The opening made by the retirement of Off. Earl Fadgen was filled by newly appointed Robert Rossi. Officers William Sliech, Kenneth Grady, Jr., James Frantz and Roland Brown successfully completed their Municipal Police Training at the Westfield Police Academy and Off. Robert Rossi completed his training at the Springfield Police Academy. This completed the training requirements as prescribed by State Statute. Worthy of note is the fact that we have four officers, through their own volition, attending local colleges, furthering their education in police sciences. As part of the required "In Service" training program, three men attended a seminar on heart emergency care, four men attended seminars on drugs, and ten attended two seminars on bombings. The show of interest by members of your department, both in departmental and personal training, is most commendable.

Agawam has recorded a population of over 21,000 reflecting a 38% increase over the past ten years. Therefore, I feel it would be interesting to compare our crime report for the same period.

#### CRIME REPORT

	1960	1969	1970
Accidents .....	161	411	410
Medical Cruisers .....	195	245	321
Ambulance Transports .....	288	239	301
Recovered Property .....	\$19,748	\$110,395	\$136,974
Complaints .....	1,194	3,575	4,894
Homicides .....	—	1	—
Rape .....	—	4	1
Robbery .....	—	7	6
Assault and Battery .....	15	52	65
Breaking and Entering .....	48	224	303
Larcenies .....	147	502	668
Motor Vehicle Larcenies .....	20	139	217
Drugs .....	1	15	39
Violations .....	NA	699	1,103

Although a number of accidents are avoidable in our opinion, it is with great interest that our reportable accidents equalled those of 1969, not showing any increase. It is most gratifying that we were able to hold the line. This could be due to the increase in our motor vehicle violations, about 40% which was in part due to the use of radar and our selective enforcement program.

The increase of medical transports — both cruiser and ambulance — reflects the population growth.

The 30% increase of overall complaints indicates the problems of growth as well as the general increase of the crime rate.

While armed robbery would appear to be leveling off, an increase during 1971 may be anticipated in that these crimes do follow the unemployment indicators. During 1970 we experienced complaints of breaking and entry and miscellaneous larcenies at the rate of better than one each in every eight hour period. There is nothing to cause us to believe we may expect an improvement this coming year.

An interesting note in our report is the value of recovered property \$136,974. This amounts to approximately one-third of the total budget allocated to the Police Department.

Drugs, the national problem, is showing up in our local complaints to the extent of a 130% increase. This is most disheartening as the cooperation on local and court levels has been commendable but it is not enough, and we all must continue and increase our concern and participation. And this is another area in which we plead to the general public for their cooperation as it applies to the welfare of our younger generation.

Your Police Department is charged with the protection of the persons and property and the maintaining of public peace in the Town of Agawam. We must have your support to accomplish this goal, to supply the necessary equipment and manpower. Your cooperation in the past indicated your concern. With your support we will endeavor to keep the Town of Agawam the type of town in which we may all be proud to work, play, and live.

#### ROSTER OF THE AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

##### CHIEF R. KENNETH GRADY

Captain Romeo Borgatti

Sr. Clerk Steno: Madelyn Harper

Sgt. Stanley Rhodes, Sgt. Henry Earle, Sgt. Frank Evangelist, Sgt. Charles Cartello

##### PATROLMEN

Raymond DeForge	Alfred Longhi	Leonard Rising	Allan Collins
Donald Conkey	Stanley Chmielewski,	Walter Letellier	John Sliech
Edward Borgatti	Safety Officer	Harold Jarvis	William Sliech
Henry Drewnowski	Steven Sliech	Thomas Mezzetti	Kenneth Grady, Jr.
William Colson	Harold Burnett	Richard Light	James Frantz
Paul Kerr	Robert Ormsby	Robert Swikalus	Ronald Brown
Peter Bertera	Renwick Kane	Gerald O'Keefe	Robert Rossi





## Safety Officer

As Safety Officer for the Town of Agawam, it is my pleasure to submit an account of the year's Safety Programs.

The highlight of the School Safety Program, was the trip to Washington, D.C. by the "School Bus Patrol." Fifty-eight members made the trip. Thanks to the many wonderful civic organizations and businesses, the trip was made possible for these students.

A survey was completed this year, in cooperation with Western Massachusetts Electric Company, to modernize the street lighting in the town. Many unlit streets were given street lights and as the program is put into operation, others will soon receive street lights.

An enforcement program, initiated by Chief Grady, put radar into operation on streets in town. This program, I feel, kept our accident rate at a minimum.

At the Annual Town Meeting, in 1969, it was voted to put certain parking restrictions in the town. With the cooperation of the courts, we hope to put this town By-law into effect this coming year. Most people will realize the safety significance of eliminating the hazards caused by thoughtless parking. Areas concerned, of course, will be governed by need for restrictions. As the town grows and new problems develop, we will have to expand these restrictions to other needy areas.

Our Safety Program is many sided, it involves pedestrian safety, highway safety and the correction of the many safety hazards that crop up through the year. It also involves street lighting, sidewalks, and the safety supervision in all types of construction which affects the pedestrians and motorists safety.



Agawam children will be safer going to and from school this year, thanks to the School Bus Patrol, sponsored by the School and Police Departments, and the AAA. Shown adjusting special orange Glo-Belts at Patrol briefing are, left to right: Police Safety Officer Stanley Chmielewski, Louise Kisielewski, Kenny Bogue, and Jim Loomis, principal of Granger School.



## Fire Department

1970 Fire Inspector's report to the Chief on alarm's the Fire Department responded to and the valuation and loss from fires with over fifty dollars damages.

The Fire Department responded to 442 alarms. These alarms are divided into the following categories.

Buildings .....	85	Auto and Trucks .....	74
Grass and Brush .....	211	False Alarms .....	7
Emergencies .....	57	Needless .....	5
Airplane .....	1	Mutual Aid .....	1
Boats .....	1		

### TOTAL RUNS MADE BY EACH STATION

North Agawam Station #1 .....	223	Feeding Hills Station #2 .....	204
Agawam Center Station #3 .....	151		

Total valuation of buildings where fires occurred .....	\$8,262,700
Total of loss on buildings and contents .....	\$ 118,626
Total amount of insurance collected on losses .....	\$ 109,476
Total valuation of automobiles where fires occurred .....	\$ 17,860
Total of loss on automobiles .....	\$ 7,568
Total amount of insurance collected on losses .....	\$ 3,603

There were four lives lost from fire as a result of an airplane crash on Shoemaker Lane on October 24, 1970.

The charges for oil burner and L.P. gas inspections were discontinued as of the first of 1970; reason is the law allows a maximum charge of 50¢. Many applicants where failing to pay, requiring constant letters to receive payments. The department felt that the time required was not justified, also that without the charge inspections could be made as soon as completions are filed.

### INSPECTIONS PERFORMED FOR 1970 REQUIRING PERMITS

Oil Burners .....	54	Flammable Liquids .....	10
L.P. Gas .....	8	Flammable Gases .....	21
Gasoline Storage .....	4	Gunpowder .....	10
Fireworks .....	3	Model Rockets .....	11

### TOTAL PERMITS GRANTED — 121

Inspections performed on Business .....	734	Rest Homes .....	16
Schools .....	36	Fires requiring investigations .....	78
Fire Drills .....	52	Burning complaints investigated .....	146

The Fire Prevention program for the year has included providing fire safety book covers for all pupils in the grade and Junior High Schools. These covers were donated by Agawam Food Mart; Western Bank and Trust; Westfield Savings Bank. Distributed 50 Fire Prevention posters throughout town. 50 calendars donated by Westfield Savings Bank, 3000 booklets and showed film on Electric Safety to Junior and Senior High Schools donated by Western Mass. Electric Co. Distributed 1000 litter bags, 200 bumper stickers, 2000 different booklets on fire prevention.

Set up a window display at Junior High School for Fire Prevention Week.

Brought ladder truck and held prevention talk to grammar schools and kindergartens. Placed articles in newspaper for Fire Prevention Week and Christmas.

Provided the Heritage Hall Nursing Home with an evening program on proper use and type of fire extinguishers and procedures on rescuing bed patients.

The Agawam Fire Department at the present has the seven following members enrolled in the Fire Science courses being held at the Springfield Technical College: Lt. Noel Brown, Inspector Russell Jenks, Privates Robert Edmunds, Charles Stowers, Douglas Kerr, David Cesan and Raymond Pond. These men are striving for an Associate Degree in Fire Science.

The purpose of the Associate Degree in Fire Science is to provide education on a post-secondary level which will develop more competent leaders in fire protection, prevention and administration.

The curriculum is planned to:

1. Prepare young men for a career in the fire service in municipal, state, and federal agencies.
2. Provide advanced training and education for individuals now serving in paid and volunteer fire departments in the state.
3. Provide personnel for insurance companies and other related field involved in fire prevention and protection practices.

Professional courses include: Introduction to fire protection; Fundamentals of fire prevention; Organization and management of fire department; Fire hydraulics; Tactics and strategy (Fire Suppression); Legal aspects of fire administration; Building construction.

General education courses include: Communication skills, Sociology, Science, Mathematics, Psychology, and Electives.

#### CHIEF HARRY SCHNEIDER

Lt. Samuel Provo  
Lt. Albert Montagna

Lt. Noel Brown  
Lt. William J. DeForge, Jr.

Lt. Russell Jenks, Fire Inspector  
Lt. Richard Fearn, Mechanic

#### FIREFIGHTERS

Merwyn Farnsworth  
Francis Karakla  
Donald Curran  
Adolphus Provost  
Gino DellaGuistina  
Wallace Cowles  
David Cesan  
Donald Taylor  
Alfred Fontana  
Renzo Ceccarini  
Hugh Kerr  
Douglas Kerr

Robert Edmunds  
Robert Mercadante  
William Parent  
William Barker  
Charles Stowers  
Matthew Blackak  
Louis Calabrese  
Edward Lancour  
Valentino Marai  
Joseph Mercadante  
Edward Bobecki

Benjamin McCullough  
Danial Champigny  
Raymond Pond  
Kenneth Blair  
Vincent Bertrand  
Robert Briggs  
Ronald Giordano  
Norman Pelley  
John Hallock  
Peter Lockhart  
Frederick Harpin

## Conservation Commission

The first months of 1970 were devoted to the rebuilding of the commission.

Five new members were appointed, and the formalities were completed on September 4. On that date, the reorganization meeting was held.

During the balance of the year, eleven successful meetings were held, including meetings with representatives of firms engaged in development work in four wetland areas in town. We also held seven on-sight inspections, and conducted investigations of four complaints of violations.

The commission has set up a reference library, purchased some of the needed equipment, collected some soil survey and geological survey maps, and is now putting the final touches on a place to "live."

The camper program, sponsored by the commission with the financial aid of the Agawam Garden Club, and the Ned Connelly Scholarship Fund, was a great success with two Agawam boys attending the Junior Conservation Camp at Spencer, Mass. Sounds like fun, but it is a work and training program which leaves the boys with an enviable experience.

The commission is now in working order, and we look forward to 1971 with anticipation of the many things we will be able to accomplish.

## Whiting Street Fund

The following is a short explanation of what the Whiting Street Fund is: This is a sum of money bequeathed to the town of Agawam by Mr. Whiting Street of the town of Northampton, this money to be deposited in a savings account and invested in stock, designated in the Will. The income on this money to be used to aid qualifying residents of Agawam who apply for temporary emergency help. These applicants cannot be receiving welfare aid.

These funds are administered by two elected trustees and the Town Treasurer. This past year has been a very quiet one as there have been no applicants for such aid.

## Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners have met periodically during the year to plan the maintenance of the town controlled cemeteries.

Federal Hill Cemetery . . . .	Cooper Street
Maple Grove Cemetery . . . .	Southwick Street
Houghton Cemetery . . . .	South Westfield Street
Training School Cemetery . . . .	South Westfield Street

The mowing, trimming of grass and raking of leaves was let out to contract as has been done in the past. Tree stumps were removed from the Houghton and Federal Hill Cemeteries and trees trimmed in all cemeteries.



## Building Department

I hereby submit the annual report of the Town Building Department for the year 1970. While generally construction in the area decreased, Agawam construction increased 50% in 1970 over 1969:

Year	Construction Value
1970 .....	\$5,206,772
1969 .....	3,492,175
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	\$1,714,597 — 50% increase over 1969

Summary for 1970:

105	Dwellings .....	\$1,891,675
19	Garages .....	29,210
47	Businesses .....	2,759,828
72	Additions and Alterations .....	146,799
43	Miscellaneous .....	379,260
33	Demolish .....	—
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319		\$5,206,772

Major Projects were:

Southgate Plaza Shopping Center	
(includes department store, grocery store, theatre) ..	\$1,500,000
Hampden Fence & Iron Works .....	95,000
Shibley Court Apartments — 28 Units .....	196,000
Heritage Hall Rest Home .....	750,000
Sacred Heart Church Parish Center .....	322,000
5¢ Savings Bank — Branch Bank .....	42,000
Curran-Jones — Funeral Home .....	75,000
Atlas Shell Casting .....	75,000
Apartments — Sutton Place .....	80,000

The trend to Commercial Construction is continuing to rise in Agawam:

Year	Residence	Business
1968	71%	29%
1969	51%	49%
1970	37%	63%

### PLUMBING

In 1970 the Plumbing Inspectors made a total of 936 inspections. Five hundred and forty-one applications were processed: 355 for plumbing permits, 65 for sewer permits, 167 for gas permits.

Our rules regulating plumbing and gas installation still originate in the State House and are handed down to towns and cities for enforcement by the local authority.

### ELECTRICAL

During 1970 the Electrical Inspectors made 844 inspections and processed 510



permits to do wiring. Also enforced correction where unlicensed men were doing wiring.

## **BUILDING**

The Building, Plumbing and Electrical Inspectors have worked jointly as a group in developing a Master Card which has combined all information concerning a dwelling on one general information card.

This year a fee for permits has been initiated through which the town has collected in excess of \$10,000 for plumbing, electrical and building permits

The Building Department is now working as a unit and this has come about by the full cooperation of all inspectors in a determination to make the Agawam Building Department a top shelf unit in public safety.

## **Planning Board**

Roy E. Benjamin, Chairman of the Board, would like to note that the members who assisted him in performing the duties of the Planning Board did so with dedication and distinction. He also wishes to extend his sincere appreciation to them for a difficult and demanding job well done.

As the Town of Agawam continues its rapid and seemingly non-directed development, the need for progressive, conscientious, and thoughtful planning is of significant importance. This type of planning is demanded by the people of Agawam and was met by the board in the year 1970.

The board attended to a busy schedule of thirty-nine meetings and processed thirty-two Form A applications and six Form B applications. The board revised the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land with the assistance of John Stone, Town Engineer. Also, with Mr. Stone, the board continued to formulate a Land Use Map.

At the last Annual Town Meeting there were the following zone changes: three for business zones, two of which were approved; three for apartment zoning which were rejected; two for Residence B, one approved; two zoning by-law revisions which were withdrawn. We are currently processing eight articles for the 1971 Town Meeting.

The board also continued its policy of periodic field trips with the Engineering Department, Building Inspector, and members of the Board of Appeals.

The Planning Board feels that the policy of complete cooperation and exchange of information between the Planning Board, Building Inspector, Health Agent, Engineering Department and Department of Public Works has proved invaluable to better understand the problems of our town.

## Housing Authority

The anticipated objectives for 1970 were accomplished at J. J. Brady Veterans Project in accordance with a long range plan formulated in 1967. An annual schedule was arranged, in conformance with the availability of funds, to renovate the exterior of all the buildings. The eight wood clapboard buildings would be resided with solid vinyl, the cornices, door and window casings would be covered with white aluminum and the remaining trim would be painted. The exterior of four other buildings would be painted.

In 1968, three wood clapboard buildings were completed. Two cedar shingled duplex buildings were painted.

In 1970, two more wood clapboard buildings were completed. The exterior of two buildings, which had been resided with vinyl several years before, received trim painting.

These renovations render a "new look" to the buildings facing Springfield and Franklin Streets.

The 1971 schedule includes the completion of the last three clapboard buildings and the reroofing of all the project's buildings. Funds for this work have been requested from a special state improvement appropriation, soon to be available. Optimistically, all major renovations will be concluded during the coming year.

Extensive efforts have been made to make available to veterans of low income attractive, clean and comfortable quarters. Twelve vacancies were filled from applications on file.

The Town of Agawam was paid \$1,584.00 in lieu of taxes.

Admission and occupancy limits for veterans housing as set by the Department of Community Affairs are as follows:

Minor Dependents	Admission Limit	Continued Occupancy
One or Less	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00
Two	\$4,700.00	\$5,200.00
*Three or More	\$4,900.00	\$5,400.00

\*In computing rents the Department of Community Affairs has given permission for a \$200.00 deduction from total family income for each minor dependent in excess of three.

The electric ice melting system at Country View Apartments for the Elderly will be improved by the installation of thermostatic controls on each building. This work will be started as soon as weather permits.

This Authority has applied to the Department of Community Affairs for approval of and financial assistance for the construction of another project for the elderly.

The six vacancies were filled from applications on file. All eligible applications remain on file and each are considered when a vacancy occurs.

Admission and extended occupancy limits for elderly housing as set by the Department of Community Affairs are as follows:

	Admission Limits	Continued Occupancy Limits
Single Individual	\$2,500.00 per year	\$3,125.00 per year
Couples	\$3,000.00 per year	\$3,750.00 per year

The above refers to income from all sources.

This Authority would like to express its appreciation to the Department of Public Works for its helpfulness and cooperation. Thanks to all others for their kind assistance.

Following are the financial statements for Project 200-C (Veterans) and Projects 667-1 and 667-2 (Elderly) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1970.

## J. J. BRADY VILLAGE APARTMENTS

### Project #200-C

#### INCOME AND EXPENSES — 1970

##### INCOME:

Dwelling Rent Income .....	\$ 40,183.37
Miscellaneous Income .....	1,987.83
Commonwealth Contribution .....	6,775.00
Reduction from Prior Surplus .....	5,000.00

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> .....	<b>\$ 53,946.20</b>
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##### EXPENSES:

Administrative .....	\$ 1,593.28
Other Administrative Expense .....	670.63
Compensation to Authority Members .....	802.27
Accounting Services .....	230.40
Utilities — Water .....	1,071.49
Utilities — Electricity .....	521.42
Utilities — Gas .....	8,119.26
Personal Services, R. M. & R. ....	4,561.52
Materials and Supplies, R. M. & R. ....	2,275.23
Contractual Services, R. M. & R. ....	1,410.93
Insurance Expense .....	814.91
Contribution to Pension Fund .....	450.89
Payment in Lieu of Taxes .....	1,584.00
Provision for Operating Reserve .....	3,696.00
Debt Service Requirement .....	16,548.70

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> .....	<b>44,350.93</b>
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<b>NET INCOME AFTER SUBSIDY</b> .....	<b>\$ 9,595.27</b>
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COUNTRY VIEW and COLONIAL HAVEN APARTMENTS  
Project #667-C

INCOME AND EXPENSES — 1970

INCOME:

Dwelling Rent Income .....	\$ 63,884.00
Miscellaneous Income .....	3,411.99
Commonwealth Contribution .....	70,860.00
Reduction from Prior Surplus .....	10,000.00

TOTAL INCOME .....	\$148,155.99
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EXPENSES:

Administrative .....	\$ 3,385.72
Other Administrative Expense .....	1,611.34
Accounting Services .....	489.60
Utilities — Water .....	967.94
Utilities — Electricity .....	17,922.26
Personal Services, R. M. & R. ....	9,894.62
Materials and Supplies, R. M. & R. ....	1,123.55
Contractual Services, R. M. & R. ....	1,468.12
Insurance Expense .....	2,033.34
Contribution to Pension Fund .....	958.15
Provision for Operating Reserve .....	4,416.00
Provision for Debt Service Reserve .....	3,883.00
Debt Service Requirement .....	93,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES .....	141,153.64
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NET INCOME AFTER SUBSIDY .....	\$ 7,002.35
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## Council on Aging

The council's main activity continues to be the operation of the Senior Center.

The arts and crafts programs have been expanded, twenty-five (25) are now enrolled in the ceramics classes. This is twice the number of last year.

With funds raised by the senior citizens an additional kiln was purchased to accommodate the added participants.

The weekly pool tournament has expanded so that an additional pool table was purchased with funds raised by the seniors.

Classes in landscape painting and knitting are still being conducted.

In November the council initiated the first senior lunch program in a town in Western Mass.

Meals are prepared at the Phelps School and delivered and served at the Senior Center on Wednesday and Friday noon. The Friday lunch is followed by the weekly card party.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays a noon lunch is served at the Granger School cafeteria.

An average of thirty-five (35) attend the lunch programs which offers a well balanced and nutritious meal at a fifty cents (50¢) cost which also affords the opportunity for a social get together.

Bus trips arranged by the seniors and the recreation department were very successful and more will be planned for 1971.

The council is handicapped by the fact that there is no full time direction of center activities and they are convinced that if a full time director were made available greater number of the town's elderly could be motivated into participating in the many meaningful activities which would benefit their general well being.

At the present time the Massachusetts Department of Community Affairs pays a part time volunteer to assist the council in conducting center activities.

The council employs senior citizens to conduct, for a very small fee, classes in arts and crafts.

A request will be made at the annual town meeting for funds to employ a full time director.

The council wishes to thank all of the various organizations who have contributed their time and efforts during the past year on behalf of the senior citizens.

## **Civil Defense**

A vigorous program of maintenance was completed during the past year of all the two-way radios in the C.D. network. The goal is to have a portable unit available for each public building in town that might be used as a shelter or aid station in the event of emergency.

Two of the thirteen warning sirens in town have been severely damaged by collision of automobiles with the supporting poles. When the extent of damage is determined, the units will be repaired or replaced.

In recent months there has been considerable interest in the "repeater" system of communication with and among mobile units. This system requires the use of a centrally located transceiver with elevated antenna. The repeater will receive weak signals from inexpensive handi-talkie units in remote areas in town and re-transmit them with good audibility on an off-set frequency. The initial tests conducted by Albert M. Jackson, Communications Chief, are very promising.

## Department of Weights and Measures

I herewith submit to you the annual report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1970.

### WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES

Adjusted .....	141
Sealed .....	882
Not Sealed .....	32
Condemned .....	26
Total	1081

### TRIAL WEIGHINGS AND MEASUREMENTS OF COMMODITIES SOLD OR PUT UP FOR SALE

Number Correct .....	1973
Number Under the Stated Markings .....	478
Number Over the Stated Package Markings .....	76
Total Number Tested	2527

### OTHER INSPECTIONS

Pedler's Licenses .....	9
Milk Jars .....	112
Oil Certificates .....	65
Marking of Bread .....	85
Marking of Food Packages .....	2234
Transient Vendors .....	1
Clinical Thermometers .....	263
Glass Graduates .....	42
Manufacturers Sealed Oil Jars .....	20
Total	2831

### INSPECTORS WORK SUMMARY

Devices Sealed, Adjusted, Condemned .....	1081
Trail Weighings and Measurements .....	2427
Inspections .....	2831
Total	6439

### SEALING FEES COLLECTED & TURNED INTO THE TOWN TREASURER \$1022.30

A bill was filed with the Massachusetts Legislature to place the testing and sealing of weights and measures under a selective testing program. This means a system of testing weighing and measuring devices whenever a sealer or inspector desired to test them instead of the present, mandatory, at least once a year testing and sealing. Under present law an inspector may test and seal weights and measures anytime during the calendar year, but at least once a year he must test and seal or condemn all weighing and measuring devices used for sale, hire or reward. Such a system of selective testing could cause widespread manipulation of devices particularly in the dispensing of petroleum products where security seals are placed on meter adjustments to prevent tampering. The Massachusetts Weights and Measures



Association recorded against this legislation. However, this same bill was again filed this year.

Our two supermarkets underwent a complete expansion and renovation of their facilities. The meat cutting rooms were modernized and new packaging and labeling machines were installed. These moves necessitated continuous inspection of scales as they were moved during renovation.

The Mars Department Store opened at the New Southgate Shopping Center and inspections have been made on the products they are selling. The new supermarket that will open in this shopping center in 1971 will increase the work load of this department. Johns Trucking Co. on Silver Street installed a 62-ton motor vehicle scale. The scale test truck from the Massachusetts Division of Standards was requested to test this scale. Public Weighers were again appointed by the Selectmen, because of this scale, for the first time in twenty-five years.

The enforcement of true weight and measure, and the maintenance of local weights and measures department, is by far the best consumer protective endeavor in our state today. Weights and measures departments were established under the Plymouth Colony, and have remained consistent enforcing the laws that prevent cheating. Many fanfares and headlines have been attributed to consumer groups and agencies in recent years. However, when new laws on consumer protection are passed, they seem to end up on the Sealers desk for enforcement or partial enforcement, or some comment is made that if we notice violation of these laws please inform them as they do not have the necessary personnel.

## **Town Prosecutor**

Many persons are unaware of the office above referenced. In the job of Town Prosecutor, I have been called on to respond, advise and assist the people of Agawam against one another along with the various departmental agencies against residents and non-residents of the town.

These departmental agencies include the building inspector, selectmen, sealer of weights and measures, and the police department. As one might guess, the majority of matters in which this office became involved has been the result of proper and dedicated police service and investigation.

The police department has become involved in all kinds of cases including motor vehicle, narcotics and larcenies commanding the list of cases in which a not guilty has been entered in District Court.

I have also sat in on various show cause hearings as a step towards prosecution avoidance with various Agawam department heads. In addition, in 1970, this office has become involved in the prosecution of juveniles in the Juvenile Court, now located on State Street in Springfield, Massachusetts, in order to protect the interests of the residents and inhabitants of Agawam, Massachusetts.

The operation of this court and coordination with this office and Juvenile

Court probation officers, it is hoped will correct some of modern day problems with our youths before they reach adulthood.

It is felt that continued cooperation in this area will assist towards a better Agawam youth. I wish at this time to mention the keenness and evidentiary awareness observed this year among our officers in Agawam over prior years.

In an era where police investigation has become increasingly complicated, our officers have fared well. This year, as in the past this office has accomplished more training of police and other town officials in procedure and case development from the moment of arrest to the time of decision by the court, as more than four hundred cases have been prosecuted this year.

I wish to point out that the Agawam Police Department has enjoyed a rewarding position with the probation officers at the Springfield District Court. I feel that crime has been increasing at a fast pace and will continue to rise in the future, in all facets of criminal law, who will, as done in the past, meet the challenge.

At this time, I wish to thank Chief Kenneth Grady, my court officer, Sgt. Stanley Rhodes, and all the officers and men of the Agawam Police Department for their cooperation, sincerity, and assistance rendered to me in the year nineteen hundred seventy.

## **New Junior High School Building Committee**

The 1970 Annual Town Meeting authorized the Building Committee to construct a Junior High School on a site of 25 acres in Feeding Hills Center, adjacent to the Granger School. The article was for \$4,850,000 to build a school for 900 pupils from grades 8 and 9. Also, the area of the building was cut from 164,000 to 133,000 sq. ft. to reduce costs.

The educational specifications were re-studied and again prepared by the superintendent of schools and his staff to include the following teaching spaces: 24 interchangeable classrooms, lecture hall seating 550, library, swimming pool, two-station gymnasium, cafeteria, four industrial arts shops, two art rooms, home economics suite (clothing, living center and foods); administration, health, and guidance areas; six science rooms, typing and business-machines areas, remedial rooms, audio-visual areas, special class room, choral and band music areas, site development for physical education, and necessary storage for each of these areas.

These new educational specifications were submitted to the Building Assistance Bureau in Boston. When these were approved, the Building Committee turned to the revision and re-submission of the schematic drawings. This work involved several meetings of the Building Committee with members of the architectural staff. Approval of the new preliminary plans was given after two meetings with the Building Assistance Bureau in Boston.

The Building Committee was next advised to submit several certified Town Meeting documents for approval of the Building Assistance Bureau, The State

Board of Education, and the Emergency Finance Board in Boston. These approvals were necessary to permit the start of work on the bond issue of \$4,800,000. The above-mentioned meetings called for specific detail and required several months to complete.

Bond issue approval was granted by the Emergency Finance Board on December 1, 1970. The Town Treasurer, through a Boston bank arranged for the printing of the bonds in denominations of \$5,000 each, the bidding of the bonds, and the sales of same in the New England and Eastern Seaboard area. The Selectmen signed the Bond Bid at 5.1% by a Morgan, New York City firm on January 14th, and the Town Treasurer expects to receive the money by the end of January 1971.

The architects have been concentrating on the working drawings which could not be started until the Emergency Finance Board approved the bond issue. Over a period of weeks, the following Junior and Senior High School Departments met with architects and the superintendent of schools. These meetings were to assist the architects in the preparation of the working drawings which would satisfy the educational needs of the staff and students: Science, Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Music, Art, Physical Education, English, Foreign Language, Library, Guidance, Mathematics, Social Studies, Administration, Health (nurses), and Cafeteria.

When the working drawings have been completed, they must be approved by the following: the Building Committee, the Building Assistance Bureau in Boston, the Department of Public Safety in Boston, and the State Fire Marshal's Office in Boston.

The bidding by subcontractors and general contractors will take place upon the completion of the approved building specifications and the working drawings. The architectural firm expects that all of the above steps and work will be completed so that ground may be broken in March 1971 as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

If not too many major trade strikes take place, the New Junior High School could be opened in September, 1972. The dedication and delivery of this building to the School Committee will relieve enrollment pressures on the Senior High, the Junior High, and the six elementary buildings. It will also permit the School Committee to authorize the kindergarten program for the Town of Agawam.

## **Sidewalk and Safety Committee**

The Sidewalk and Safety Committee has thirteen members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. New sidewalks were installed this year on Franklin Street from Mill Street to Springfield Street, on River Road from Shady Lane to Main Street, and on School Street from the Phelps School to the Little League Field. For the first time this year, a fund of \$5,000.00 was appropriated for the construction of small sections of sidewalks and their appurtenances, which includes safety barriers along the sidewalks.

During the year, this Committee also met with concerned residents from different sections of the town to discuss safety hazards in their areas.



## Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals regrets the passing of Nick Zucco who had served as a member for the past six years. He had established a reputation for sincerity, integrity and knowledge in the work of the board. He was a man that gave freely of his time to serve his fellow man both in civic and charitable work that would benefit those citizens most in need of aid.

Every year for some time past the Board of Appeals has had frequent petitions for variances and we wish again to remind persons considering requesting a variance that he must prove the following three (3) pre-requisites:

1. Due to special conditions affecting a particular parcel of land or building but not affecting generally the Zoning District in which it is located a literal enforcement of the provision of the By-Law would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the appellant.
2. Desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good.
3. It will not nullify or substantially derogate from the intent or purpose of such By-Law.

**VERY IMPORTANT** — All three of the foregoing clauses must be substantiated before a variance is granted. Failure to satisfy any one of them defeats the appeal.

Twenty-three petitions asking variations from requirements of the Zoning By-Laws and two petitions objecting to the decision of the Building Inspector were filed with the board during 1970.

## Dog Officer

931	Complaints
199	Dogs picked up
1,299	Days confined
100	Dogs put to sleep
96	Dogs released to owners
28	Licenses issued
\$ 497.50	Paid to the Dog Officer
\$2,598.00	Paid days confined
\$ 200.00	Paid for disposed dogs
\$ 650.00	Fines paid to the Town
\$2,200.00	Reimbursed to the Town from County as per Form DL 9
86	More dogs licensed over 1969

I want to thank all of you who have cooperated with the Leash Law. I hope to find more improvements in the year to come.



**NICHOLAS ZUCCO**

July 8, 1909 — November 11, 1970

On Veterans' Day, November 11, 1970, the Board of Appeals lost, through death, the services of its most industrious member, Nicholas S. Zucco. Nick, as he was known by, had served as an associate on the board and very rarely missed any of its meetings.

He was a native of West Springfield and moved to our town in 1937. He was owner and general manager of Packaging Services, Inc., located in the old Agawam Woolen Company mill on Elm Street.

However, he was better known for his philanthropic works about town. The Y.M.C.A, Agawam Congregational Church, Agawam Lions Club, St. Ann's Church, the Agawam Republican Town Committee, and many others can attest to his generosity on many occasions, both in work and financially.

He was a former treasurer and director of the Agawam Y.M.C.A., past president and director of the Agawam Lions Club, former zone chairman of District 33-Y of Massachusetts Lions Clubs, and for many years purchasing agent and head chef of the Lions Club Bar-B-Que Chicken concession at the Eastern States Exposition.

There will never be another Nick, and our sincere condolences are offered to his wife, Marie, and his children.

## **Memorial Day Committee**

The citizens of Agawam continued to show their enthusiasm for their country and what it stands for during the year of 1970.

In spite of the bad weather on Memorial Day, the men, women and young people turned out to honor those who served their country.

Once again, the Memorial Day Committee sponsored a Poster and Essay Contest at the Junior High School. Members of the Disabled American Veterans' Chapter 55, World War I Barracks, American Legion Post 185 and Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations were appointed to judge the winners. Heading this effort was the late Eugene H. Lund.

Mr. Lund, who was Director of Veterans' Services for the Western Hampden District, passed away September 9, 1970. He served the veterans and their dependents faithfully and with much compassion. He has been, and will always be, remembered by those he served and worked with, with love and affection.

The Memorial Day Committee took care of decorating the graves in Feeding Hills and Agawam. Over six hundred flags were distributed to the cemeteries in 1970 on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day.

We want to emphasize that the Memorial Day Committee only directs the town's memorial activities.

We want to thank the townspeople for their cooperation and participation, who really have made the activities the success it has been and will be.

## **Veterans' Services**

Veterans' Services, during 1970, was interrupted by the death of its director, Eugene Lund, who had served the veterans and their dependents faithfully and generously for the past four years.

Many veterans' widows were assisted in applying for pension awards and numerous veterans were helped in filing claims with the Veterans' Administration for disability compensation, home loans, government insurance changes and certificates of eligibility for tax abatement purposes.

Discharged members of the armed forces who were eligible for the Vietnam State Bonus continued to receive forms and instructions for application. All of these young men were registered with our office and their records put on file in case future assistance is needed. Many were interested in schooling and were given the proper forms and advice for applying to the Veterans' Administration and their particular school.

The Veterans' Services filled out many Income Questionnaires for veterans or veterans' widows who are recipients of V.A. pensions. This is an important func-



tion of our office due to the fact that questionnaires not completed or made out improperly could result in loss of pension checks.

Income questionnaires must be in this office prior to December 1st due to the pressure of all our year end work.

Needy veterans and their families were aided financially and, in many cases, medical, dental and hospital bills were assumed by this department and by our Veterans' Special Medex for recipients over sixty-five years of age.

The new Director of Veterans' Services, John J. McCarthy, was appointed October 26, 1970.



**EUGENE H. LUND**

September 5, 1921 — September 9, 1970

Director of Veterans' Services

"Gene" served as Director of Veterans' Services for the Western Hampden District, serving the towns of Agawam, Southwick, Granville and Tolland from January 9, 1967 to September 9, 1970 when he was suddenly taken away from us.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans' Chapter 55, Memorial Day Committee, Western Mass. Veterans' Service Officers Association and the Massachusetts Veterans' Service Agents Association.

"Gene" in his tireless, and unselfish devotion to veterans and their families, in spite of his own well being will always be remembered — for those whom he served always came first, never too busy to listen and help in any way he could. He came to serve and he served well.

Our deepest condolences are extended to Gene's family.

## Health Department

Joseph A. DellaGiustina, Selectman . Chairman, Board of Health  
 Robert Cagan . . . . . Acting — Health Agent  
 James A. Doering, M.D. . . . . Board of Health Physician  
 Carl W. Janovsky, M.D. . . . . Board of Health Pediatrician  
 Stacia Egbert, R.N. . . . . Senior Public Health Nurse  
 Claire Niemiec, R.N. . . . . Public Health Nurse  
 \*Rita Marcus, R.N. . . . . Substitute Public Health Nurse  
 Dominick Ricco . . . . . Gypsy Moth Specialist  
 Marion M. White . . . . . Senior Clerk  
 \*Mrs. Rita Marcus, R.N., accepted a position as Substitute Health Nurse  
 February 17, 1970 to fill the vacancy which occurred due to the retirement  
 of Josephine Cascella, R.N.

The Health Department has had many changes this past year. Dr. James Doering is Board of Health Physician. Mr. Jeffrey Teitel, Health Agent returned to school to study law. Mr. Robert Cagan returned as our part time Health Agent. Mrs. Josephine Cascella, Supervising Public Health Nurse, retired due to illness. Mrs. Claire Niemiec became full time Public Health Nurse. Mrs. Rita Marcus is part time Public Health Nurse.

The following is a breakdown of Public Health Nursing activities:

### VISITS

Premature Babies .....	87	Day Care Centers .....	Scarlet Fever .....	17
Prenatal and Postnatal.	184	Health Counseling .....	Mumps .....	24
Birth Defects .....	19	Salmonella .....	T.B. Active .....	0
School Children .....	96	Typhoid Carrier .....	T.B. Follow-up .....	82
Kindergarten .....	175	Hepatitis .....		

Nursing visits based on referrals from private physicians and hospitals numbered 1523. Many hours are spent on evaluating the patient and conferring with doctors, social workers and allied services.

D.P.W. employees received Typhoid vaccine. Thirty-five Diabetic Kits were distributed to senior citizens. Pilot programs in Nutrition and Dental Care were held for the senior citizens. Well Child Conferences were held monthly based on the school year. Dr. Carl Janovsky was the Pediatrician. Rubella (German Measles) and Mumps vaccine was administered to pre-school children by Dr. Carl Janovsky.

Over 1200 children ages 6 to 12 were immunized for Rubella (German Measles) under the supervision of Dr. James Doering by Health and School Nurses. Mumps vaccine was administered by Dr. James Doering, School and Health Nurses to over 400 school children.

In-Service conferences related to the heart and cerebral (Stroke) patients were attended.

Regional Conferences on administrating and conferring with allied services.

March of Dimes conferences on the generation gap.

We will continually strive to fill the health needs of the citizens of Agawam.

Mr. Robert Cagan was appointed as Health Agent in September of this year and took over the reins of the Health Department, whose mission is to protect and advance the health of the residents of Agawam.

### CASES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES — 1970

Diseases	1969	1970
Streptococcal Infection (Sore Throat)	16	152
Scarlet Fever	6	12
Whooping Cough	0	0
Chicken Pox	110	187
Mumps	5	46
German Measles	11	5
Hepatitis	8	16
Dysentery	0	0
Tuberculosis	5	1
Gonorrhea	6	5
Measles	1	0
Salmonella	0	4
Encephalitis	0	0
Meningitis	0	1
Anterior Poliomyelitis	0	0
Dog Bite	89	64

Fees were collected for the following licenses and permits:

Milk Pasteurization	Motels, Inns, Camps
Milk Stores	Trailer Courts
Oleomargarine	Child Care Centers
Swimming Pools (Semi Public)	(Kindergartens)
Frozen Dessert	Hauling Rubbish
Food Service Permit	Hauling Garbage
To Keep Pigs	Hauling Septic Tank Effluent
Installer's Permits (Septic Tank)	Installer's Construction Works
Methyl Alcohol	Permit for Septic Tanks
Total License and Permit Fees .....	\$1,208.50
Total Nurses Fees .....	264.00
Trailer Fees .....	2,426.00
Total Fees Collected .....	\$3,898.50

## Public Libraries

No matter how we look at 1970, it seems as if it was composed of only two months — January, when we realized it was just beginning and December, when we couldn't believe that it was gone. The days in between? They slipped by in a happy, fun-filled, busy blur as we accomplished the following:

Right off the bat, we took the bull by the horns and circulated 91,509 books during the year . . . that's a gain of 23,018 over 1969! Then, we processed 2,528 new books and placed them in circulation (a gain of 724 over 1969), and for good measure, we recataloged 118 older books — every little bit helps. That done, we



whipped out our mending equipment and put 1,106 books back into service. Those we couldn't fix (189) we sent to the bindery. It is wiser to admit defeat sometimes. Having accomplished all this, we began to feel generous and expansive and we decided to add seven new subscriptions to our periodical list: THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, the JOURNAL OF MODERN LITERATURE, AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY, the FAMILY HANDYMAN, CHILDRENS' HIGHLIGHTS, the EDUCATIONAL THEATRE JOURNAL and Moody's INDUSTRIAL MANUAL. After all, more people are finding that it costs less to borrow the magazine at the library than to purchase an individual subscription — and even Ben Franklin would approve of such a practice! While thus happily engaged, the library doors kept opening and closing and at year's end we found that 1,094 new borrowers had registered at the libraries (623 adults and 471 children). Now, none of our 4,497 borrowers are slouches and the pace began to quicken. First thing we knew, we had borrowed through inter-library loan services, 2,699 volumes, 176 films and rotated from the Western Regional Bookmobile Headquarters, 55,711 books — and the staff wasn't tired yet!

At one of our monthly meetings, it became apparent that we did not have enough to do — so, we put out new books, new bookmarks, hung mobiles and posters and celebrated Children's Book Week, and National Library Week. Just for fun, during National Library Week we ran a literary riddle contest and awarded book prizes to two winners in each of the three libraries. But we found that doing just that wasn't enough — so, under the direction of Mrs. Jeanne Hofmann, we inaugurated a pre-school story time — and she charmed 35 of these little people into attending every Friday morning from January until May!

Then, suddenly one morning it was summer and time for our Summer Reading Club. We have always enjoyed this part of our library life and in 1970, 150 children enjoyed it with us. Of this total, 134 were eligible to attend the outing held this year at Storrowton, and when the six-week program was finished we found that they had read 1,640 books — more than twice the number of the previous year. We were proud of them. But, the staff wasn't tired yet!

Not satisfied with attending the Western Mass. Library Club's spring meeting in Deerfield, the fall meeting in Holyoke, the Mass. Library Association's annual meeting in Provincetown, and the New England Library Association's annual meeting in Portsmouth, N.H., members of the staff attended two roundtable meetings for childrens' librarians held in Wilbraham and East Longmeadow. Miss Judith Kana again exhibited Agawam Public Libraries' mending techniques for a school librarians' meeting in East Longmeadow, and both staff and trustees attended the Valentine's Day open house at the Agawam High School Library. In addition, Mrs. Cynthia Fleming, Mrs. Mary Kana, Mrs. Mary McCarthy and Mrs. Beverly Secondo completed a six-week, in-service training course in reference held at the Forbes Library in Northampton.

Then, late one quiet snowy afternoon, we were startled by the realization that it was December — the end of the year — the end of a decade — time to set up our tree — set out our Christmas books — keep watch for Santa — exchange gifts and greetings — and time once more to make our annual resolution — to do the best we can for you again next year — because the staff isn't tired yet!

## Parks, Playground & Recreation Commission

7-10 Basketball varied from a low of 177 to a high of 342 per week.

10-12 Basketball — 6 teams — 90 boys (1971 — 8 teams)

13-15 Basketball — 8 teams — 120 boys (1971 — 10 teams).

15-17 Basketball — 6 teams — 90 boys (moved age to 18 so we could bring more boys into the program. Project 8 teams in the 1971 season).

Over 25 basketball league had 6 teams. We have 8 already for the coming season. All men work or live in Agawam.

Open Gym Monday nights — boys average — 75; Girls Gym — 45.

Baseball 1970 — 10 teams, 13-15 league — played over 120 games including playoffs. 1971 — two leagues will be formed, 12-14 and 14-16.

Summer basketball — 2 leagues: 13-15, 16 and up; 4 teams in each league.

Adult Slo-Pitch had 8 teams. No cost to the town. We have already 8 teams for next year, 12 will be the limit.



AGAWAM GIANTS — 1970 CHAMPIONS

Pictured above are the champs of the 10 to 13 year old Harmon A. Smith League, sponsored by the Parks, Playground and Recreation Commission under the supervision of Jack Kunasek our Director.

The league was named after Harmon A. Smith, long-time Coach and Director of Athletics at Agawam High School. Western Mass. officials officiated at all the games played in the league. As in many of the other sports programs offered by the commission the league was very successful and could have been more so but, there was a lack of adult participation to assist in coaching. So come on you fathers and young adults — get with it and become a coach in one of the sports so that we can accommodate more of our youngsters.

1st row, T. Pizzimenti, M. Nadeau, D. D'Alma, S. Gieger, A. Mason, R. Carestia, D. Dennoncourt, E. Mason, J. Pizzimenti, G. Hill and B. Troi. 2nd row, R. Kelley, R. Dennoncourt, R. Meyers, D. Lunden, R. Blance, G. Remington, D. Pisano and Joseph Pisano, Coach. Back row, Anthony Saracino, Coach; Stanley Chimelewski, Coach; F. Andruss, D. Formaggioni, D. Miller, D. Haffler, S. Chimelewski and John Pizzimenti, Coach.

PLAYGROUND ATTENDANCE — 1671 per week; SEASON TOTAL — 13,368  
ARTS AND CRAFTS — 507 per week; SEASON TOTAL — 4,056

Nine playgrounds operated for an 8-week period. **NOT one day of rain.** Bus trips to Forest Park, Springfield Museum and swimming trips to the local lakes. **BUT** the demand was greater than the budget would allow.

For the first time inter-playground leagues were formed for boys and girls. With the use of the new truck the children were able to get to the games.

With the addition of lights on our tennis courts the tournament for both the youths and adults reached new attendance marks.

127 children entered — under 10, under 12, under 14, and under 16. Adults were placed in two groups; beginners and advanced. A total of 54 men and women entered. Trophies were awarded to all winners and runners up.

The first town wide field day was held at Shea's Field. It started at 10 a.m. and lasted all day. Prizes were given to all winners, both boys and girls in all age groups. Each person brought their lunch and soda was available at 5¢ per cup. Buses were used to bring the children to the field and home.

The new Harmon A. Smith Football League was formed for 10-13 boys; 6 teams were started with over 250 boys signed. 1971 will see 8 teams in order to place all the boys. For every football team there was a girls cheerleading team.

Over 500 fans watched these games each Sunday. The finals were played at the High School field.

Soccer was also started — 77 boys took part. Being a new sport in town it was mostly an instructional league.

The Senior Citizens programs were a great success. Bus trips were offered on a 50-50 basis.

Hockey was offered for the first time and at the present 11 teams are in leagues at Blunt Park and Williston taking in some 220 boys.

Again this Fall the informal volleyball program for the men and the program for the ladies is being offered with the growth of each doubled over last year.

During the coming year all the old programs will again be run, plus many new programs for all age groups and sexes will be started.

Plans are now being made by the commission and its director toward programs in the Arts and Music field.

The Parks, Playground and Recreation Commission has finally been able to offer the people of Agawam what they have needed for so many years. Our growth and development has just begun, and will continue into the coming years.

With more leisure time available, the demand for more programs and better recreational facilities become greater.



# Personnel Board

With the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee in 1970, the Personnel Board was able to give the Town Employees a 5% wage increase.

The Personnel Board has met with the Personnel Director on scheduled meetings as well as on special occasions. The total number of meetings during the calendar year of 1970 was fifteen regular meetings and four special meetings.

With the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee and with authorization by an affirmative vote of our Town Meeting Members for Article 5, Annual Town Meeting Warrant for 1970, the Personnel Board engaged an outside professional consultant, Frank C. Brown & Company, Inc., to reevaluate town jobs, including classifications and wages.

# Board of Registrars

The Board of Registrars held evening and Saturday voter registration sessions both in the Administration Building and in each of our six voting precincts. In addition to these sessions we had several occasions where we visited homes of people desiring to become voters, but were unable to because of physical disability. This practice we will continue and ask that if you are aware of any cases please call the Town Clerk and we will be happy to make arrangements so that any person who is disabled and has all other qualifications will be able to register to vote.

At the closing of the last registration session for the Annual Town Election the total was 10,092 registered voters broken down as follows:

Unenrolled .....	4,734
Democrat .....	3,889
Republican .....	1,469



# Town Meeting Members

## PRECINCT 1

	9-9 Sp.	6-9 Sp.	4-4 P.M.	4-4 A.M.	4-2	3-31	3-30 P.M.	3-30 Sp.	3-21 P.M.	3-21 A.M.	3-14 P.M.	3-14 A.M.
Alvigni, H. A.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Balboni, W. A.	x		x	x	x	x	x	x				
Bassani, B. S.		x							x	x	x	
Beltrandi, J. J.	x		x	x	x	x	x					
Bertera, P. J.									x	x	x	x
Borgatti, R. H.		x						x	x	x	x	x
Cebrelli, R. A.		x				x	x	x				
Churchill, G. R.												
Colli, F. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
DeForge, J. P.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
DeLucchi, M. J.								x		x	x	
DePalma, N.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Donatini, A. L.			x	x				x	x	x	x	x
Fontana, A., Jr.								x	x	x	x	x
Kane, J. P.	x	x						x	x	x	x	x
Letellier, W. J.								x	x	x	x	x
Letellier, W. T.		x						x	x	x	x	x
Loncto, G. M.	x	x						x	x	x	x	x
Lovotti, L. J.						x						
Lucia, R.												x
McCave, D. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Montagna, M. P.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nardi, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pisano, J. L.									x	x	x	x
Provo, S. F.									x	x	x	x
Provost, E. E.	x	x										
Saracino, A. P.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saracino, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Swanson, E. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Vergnani, K. M.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

## PRECINCT 2

Battles, B. P.												x	x
Bedard, M. A.	x		x	x								x	x
Bouley, F. E.												x	x
Burton, B. H.	x											x	x
Charest, R. R.	x											x	x
Chiba, W. R.												x	x
Chmielewski, S. J.	x											x	x
Connor, E. M.												x	x
Dahdah, B. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
DeForge, W. J., Jr.												x	x
DiDonato, E. M.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Draghetti, G.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Drewnowski, H. A.	x	x	x										
Granger, S. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Haynes, C. G.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

	9-9 Sp.	6-9 Sp.	4-4 P.M.	4-4 A.M.	4-2	3-31	3-30 P.M.	3-30 Sp.	3-21 P.M.	3-21 A.M.	3-14 P.M.	3-14 A.M.
Karakla, F. T.		x	x	x					x	x	x	x
Kerr, A. W.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kerr, P. R.		x	x						x	x	x	x
Loomis, J. H., Jr.	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x
Pond, E. H.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Rising, D. C.		x							x	x	x	x
Rising, L. P.										x	x	x
Rising, L. P., Jr.	x								x	x	x	x
Sliech, S. W., Jr.									x	x	x	x
Solitario, F. J.									x	x	x	
Snyder, B. D.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Snyder, V. L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Taylor, R. M.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Waniewski, J. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
White, D. C.									x	x	x	x

## PRECINCT 3

Acquaro, M. C.	x												
Bava, J. T.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bonavita, C. F.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Borgatti, E. G.										x	x	x	
D'Amato, P. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
D'Amato, R.	x												
DiDonato, A. F.													
Drew, F. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Drew, M. F.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fearn, W. F.	x												
Ferrari, J. J.													
Giordano, P. A.	x	x											
Gonet, W. T.													
Guimond, F. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kopyscinski, T.	x	x											
Kunasek, D. G.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Liquori, A.													
Malone, A. A.	x												
Malone, B. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mastroianni, L. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
McMahon, N. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Montagna, J. B.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nacewicz, A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nicora, C. J., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Provost, R. E.													
Russo, T.													
Scibelli, S. A.													
Skolnick, B.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Skolnick, D.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sullivan, R. M.	x												

## PRECINCT 4

	9-9 Sp.	6-9 Sp.	4-4 P.M.	4-4 A.M.	4-2	3-31	3-30 P.M.	3-30 Sp.	3-21 P.M.	3-21 A.M.	3-14 P.M.	3-14 A.M.
Adams, P. J., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Affleck, G. F.	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x
Altobelli, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Benoit, R. R.					x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Calabrese, C. R.	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	
Campbell, J. O.	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Cardone, J. J.	x	x			x			x				
Clark, J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Dacey, F. T.	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x
Draghetti, L. D.	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Edwards, A. S.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Elasmar, J. J.		x								x	x	
Farrington, J. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Gallano, D. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Gallerani, A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Johnson, L. A., III	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Johnson, R. W.	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x
LaFleur, I. R.	x	x	x				x	x	x	x		
McGowan, H. L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Meister, R. J.		x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x
Moore, R. G.	x	x					x	x	x	x		
O'Keefe, J. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pease, J. A.			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Progulske, T. A., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Schilling, R. M.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Watson, R., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Zerra, J. L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Zucco, N.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Charest, Donald J.	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x
McLaughlin, J. J., Jr.												x

## PRECINCT 5

Andrews, L. R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Atwater, J. C.													x
Ayre, A. A.	x	x											x
Bickford, G. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bouley, E. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Brindle, R. S.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cascio, T. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Christopher, A. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Coffey, E. D.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Connelly, E. W.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
DellaGiustina, M. A.													
	x	x											
Doolittle, D.	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Doering, R. G.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Gallano, A. G.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Grasso, A. M.													
Grasso, F. A.													x
Grenier, E. T.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ingalls, A. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lawson, H. W.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mattoon, D. H.													x
Orr, R. W., Jr.		x	x	x									x
Peterson, P. D.	x	x	x	x	x								x
Query, P. G.		x	x	x	x	x							x

9-9 Sp.  
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4-4 P.M.  
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3-30 P.M.  
3-30 Sp.  
3-21 P.M.  
3-21 A.M.  
3-14 P.M.  
3-14 A.M.

Richards, E. E.	x	x											
Stebbins, A. D., Jr.	x												x
Tatro, P. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Teahan, J. M.		x											x
Walker, H. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wallace, L. R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Williams, J. H., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

## PRECINCT 6

Anderson, R. F.													x
Atwater, R. C.													x
Burnett, B. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Burnett, H. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cavanaugh, C. O., Jr.													
	x	x											x
Charest, R. E.	x	x											x
Chriscola, F., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Chriscola, J. J.		x											x
Cirillo, J. B.													x
Cowles, W. A.	x	x											x
DellaGiustina, E. G.													
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Diduk, P.		x	x	x									x
Dowd, B. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fieldstad, P. M.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fieldstad, L. B.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fuchs, A. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hale, E. V.		x	x										x
Hyland, T. E.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Keogh, H. S.	x	x	x	x									x
Magovern, J. N.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Meunier, M. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Notman, B. P.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
O'Connor, F. W.		x											x
Phillips, J. N.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pilkington, E. A.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Reynolds, J. G.	x												x
St. John, W.		x											x
Thompson, J. H.	x	x	x	x	x								x
Wilson, N. H.	x	x	x	x	x	x							x
Fenton, J. C.	x	x	x	x	x								x
Raiche, P.	x	x											

## MEMBERS AT LARGE

Blakesley, R. M.	x												
Napolitan, F. J.		x											x
Dumont, E. M.	x	x											x
Benjamin, R. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Caba, E. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Reynolds, G. L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kerr, W. T.	x												x
Marshall, D. M.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x





**RAYMOND E. HARRIS**

Principal Raymond E. Harris retired from the Agawam Public School system after forty years of devoted service.

He started as a teacher, was promoted to assistant principal and guidance counselor Agawam High School, was next chosen principal of the Agawam Junior High School, and during his last three years served as principal of the Agawam High School.

He will long be remembered for his sincere devotion to the students, staff and townspeople of Agawam.

His sense of humor, his ability to work with his mind, heart, and hands to effect economies and improve the Agawam Public School system were outstanding traits.

Agawam wishes you, Raymond E. Harris, a happy retirement.

# Agawam Public School

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 9, 1970 to June 23, 1971

### 1970

September	9	Wednesday	Schools open — beginning of school year
October	7	Wednesday	Schools closed — Teachers' Convention Day
October	12	Monday	Schools closed — Columbus Day
November	11	Wednesday	Schools closed — Veterans' Day
November	25	Wednesday	Schools closed — Noon, November 26th
	26	Thursday	Thanksgiving Vacation
	27	Friday	
November	30	Monday	Schools reopen
December	24	Thursday	Schools close — Christmas Vacation

### 1971

January	4	Monday	Schools reopen
February	15	Monday	Schools closed — Washington's Birthday
February	22-26		Schools closed — Midwinter Vacation
March	1	Monday	Schools reopen
April	9	Friday	Schools closed — Good Friday
April	16	Friday	Schools closed — Spring Vacation
April	19	Monday	Schools closed — Spring Vacation
May	31	Monday	Schools closed — Memorial Day
June	23	Wednesday	Schools close — Summer Vacation

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

James Clark  
Telephone 739-1564  
Address: 28 Reed Street

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

Junior High School Building — 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.  
Telephone 734-8045  
Appointments should be arranged in advance

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## **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT – BUSINESS MANAGER**

Richard J. Dudek  
Telephone 732-3630  
Address: 11 Carol Drive, Feeding Hills

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY**

Mrs. Kathleen Arnold

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## **HOURS IN SESSION**

Senior High School  
8:00 a. m. — 2:00 p. m.

Junior High School  
8:30 a. m. — 2:30 p. m.

Robinson Park Elementary School  
8:30 a. m. — 2:30 p. m.

Phelps, Danahy, Peirce, Granger and South  
9:00 a. m. — 3:00 p. m.

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## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

F. Joseph Napolitan, Chairman .....	1972
Arthur Zavarella, Vice-Chairman .....	1971
Joseph L. Pisano, Secretary .....	1972
Walter A. Balboni .....	1971
Mrs. Roberta G. Doering .....	1973
Robert A. Fassnacht .....	1973



## School Committee

A 1970 town vote increased the Agawam School Committee from six to seven members. Mr. Walter A. Balboni served faithfully for two terms as a member; his work was well received by townspeople and educators. He sponsored programs for the improvement of education in Agawam for the public school children.

After forty years of service as a teacher, guidance director, assistant principal, principal of the Junior High School, and during his last three years principal of Agawam High School, Mr. Raymond E. Harris retired from the Agawam Public School system. His exceptional ability, his personality and his contribution to the Agawam Public School system will be missed.

### EDUCATIONAL CHANGES

1. A full-time school psychologist employed.
2. Two elementary physical education teachers added.
3. An educational media supervisor added.
4. An educational computer, keypunch, reproducer (with mark sense), a printer and a card reader leased for educational and business office needs.
5. A maintenance supervisor hired.
6. Extensive curriculum revision by the Agawam High School English Department.
7. Electronics laboratory added for the industrial arts department.
8. Power mechanics teacher hired for the industrial arts department.
9. Appointed Athletic Director for the school system.
10. The Agawam School Committee has stressed drug education at all levels during the past year. Curriculums have been issued at each grade level. Principals and teachers are encouraged to present, in connection with health and science education, the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drugs. The Agawam School Committee, through the administration, has kept a close control of any known drug users and has taken action in several cases for the best interest of all the school children in Agawam.

### ACCREDITATION

Letter dated October 16, 1970: "At the September 21, 1970 meeting, the Commission on public Secondary Schools reviewed and accepted the two-year progress report of Agawam High School and voted to continue the school's accreditation.

The commission is aware of the favorable action taken by the town to appropriate funds to construct a new Junior High School that will ultimately relieve the overcrowded conditions at the Senior High School level.

Commission action indicates satisfaction with the progress made to implement the visiting committee recommendations. A normal five-year progress report will be due on June 1, 1973, and the commission requests to be kept informed of any major changes that occur in the school, in the interim period, that may have a bearing on the standards of membership for accredited public secondary schools."

## THE NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The bond issue of \$4,800,000 went out to bid and came in at 5.1% interest. Agawam was fortunate because successive drops in the interest rate will save Agawam taxpayers many thousands of dollars over the next twenty years.

The estimate by the Building Assistance Bureau in Boston is that the state will pay 43% of the \$4,850,000 or \$2,085,500 or \$104,275 per year. The town's share will be \$2,746,500 or \$138,225 per year for the twenty-year life of the bond issue. The above figures are close approximations and will not be exact until the Building Assistance Bureau gives the state assistance percentage based on the total bid costs of the new Junior High School.

The architectural firm advises that the working drawings should be ready to bid to permit ground to be broken in March, as soon as the frost leaves. Completion of the new junior high could be by September of 1972 if no delays are caused by major strikes.

## KINDERGARTENS

Kindergartens could be opened by September 1972 if the new Junior High School is completed. If not, the kindergarten program must be activated, according to State Law, by September 1973.

## THE BUDGET

The Agawam School Committee is working, through weekly meetings, on the preparation of the 1971 school budget. Negotiations on salaries and contract terms have to be conducted with the several different staff levels.

The gross increase in the 1970 budget was 15%. Sixty thousand dollars was turned back to the E. & D. Fund, mainly due to teaching staff turnover. This represents an operation of the \$3,192,100 budget within a range of 2% — in the black.

There is a bright side for the taxpayers, quoted from "Education U.S.A." January 11, 1971: "Massachusetts reported a massive increase in state aid for schools — from \$169 million in 1969-70 to \$285 million in 1970-71. The increase resulted from legislation which requires the state to fully fund the state aid formula." This is one direction in which local property taxpayers may look for relief, but educators, for many years have stressed that the Federal Government will have to return the needed money back to the states. There seems to be state and national pressures, assisted by the youth of the nation to accomplish this aim.

Agawam Public School system has an entitlement for 1971 of \$548,314.87 under the provisions of Chapter 70, as amended by Chapter 14, Acts of 1966. Agawam Public Schools received \$362,128 under Chapter 70, in the year 1970; and will receive \$186,186 more under Chapter 70 in 1971.

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following facts are submitted from recent state reports to give taxpayers some background data for budget comparison:

Agawam is compared to 51 elementary-secondary school systems which have a comparable town population and school enrollment. (1) represents the top and (51) the bottom in the statistics.

1968-69 Equalized Valuation Per child — \$24,780 .....	13th
% December 1969 Debt is of H. 4731 1968 Equalized Valuation 1.45% ....	7th
1970 Tax Rate — Official — \$33.80 .....	49th
1970 Tax Rate — Equalized — \$33.80 .....	47th
1970 Taxes Per Capita — \$273.00 .....	33rd
1970 School Tax Rate — \$16.39 .....	47th
1970 School Tax Rate Equalized — \$16.39 .....	43rd
Public Schools % of Taxes for — 48% .....	36th
Public Schools % of Children in — 95% .....	5th
1969-70 School Support Per Pupil — \$634.00 .....	46th

Of 182 total elementary-secondary school systems in the state, Agawam ranks 160th in current operating expenditures per pupil in average membership for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970.

## BUDGET

Regular Day and Special Class Year Ending June 30, 1970 Per Pupil Expenditures by Total Function Number:

1000 Administration — \$12.10 .....	51st
2000 Instruction — \$474.63 .....	47th
3000 Other School Services — \$40.69 .....	35th
4000 Operation and Maintenance of Plant — \$76.64 .....	31st
5000 Fixed Charges — \$2.47 .....	40th
6000 Community Services — \$2.22 .....	31st
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets — \$9.98 .....	24th
Total of the Above Budget Items — \$618.72 .....	45th

Regular Day and Special Class Year Ending June 30, 1970 Instructional Costs Per Pupil Expenditures:

2000 Instruction — \$474.63 .....	47th
2100 Supervision — \$3.94 .....	48th
2200 Principals' Office — \$39.83 .....	32nd
2300 Teaching — \$399.81 .....	46th
2400 Textbooks — \$7.92 .....	29th
2500 Library — \$6.17 .....	40th
2600 Audio-Visual — \$2.10 .....	29th
2700 Guidance — \$14.26 .....	42nd
2800 Psychological Services — \$.58 .....	41st

Regular Day and Special Class Year Ending June 30, 1970 Per Pupil Expenditures by Function and Object Numbers:

Function No. 2000 — Instruction

1. Salaries — Professional — \$441.13 .....	48th
2. Salaries — Secretarial and Clerical — \$9.42 .....	38th
3. Salaries — Other Non-Professional — None .....	
4. Contracted Services — \$1.36 .....	38th



5. Supplies and Materials — \$19.48 .....	49th
6. Other Expenses — \$3.24 .....	16th
Total — \$474.63 .....	47th

Regular Day and Special Education Year Ending June 30, 1970 Other Educational Expenditures Per Pupil:

3000 Other School Service — \$40.69 .....	36th
3100 Attendance — \$1.72 .....	35th
3200 Health Services — \$7.06 .....	16th
3300 Pupil Transportation — \$27.37 .....	29th
3400 Food Service — \$ .51 .....	51st
3510 Athletics — \$2.62 .....	48th
3520 Other Student Body Activities — \$1.41 .....	25th

The Agawam School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools appreciate support received from students, staff, parents and taxpayers in the operation of the Agawam Public School system during the past year.

## Financial Statement

December 31, 1970

### EXPENDITURES

School Committee .....	\$ 6,685.14
Superintendent's Office .....	60,838.03
Supervision .....	16,133.54
Principals .....	204,077.59
Teaching .....	1,956,030.58
Textbooks .....	33,838.98
Library .....	33,671.69
Audio-Visual .....	15,383.60
Regular Guidance .....	74,152.28
Psychological Services .....	7,367.91
Attendance .....	8,249.18
Health Services .....	33,539.37
Pupil Transportation .....	130,835.37
Food Services .....	4,466.00
Athletics .....	12,850.04
Other School Activities .....	5,850.31
Custodial Services .....	206,135.04
Heating of Buildings .....	48,765.81
Utility Services .....	45,992.12
Maintenance of Grounds .....	9,273.10
Maintenance of Buildings .....	94,377.70
Maintenance of Equipment .....	9,312.61
Insurance Program .....	12,522.51
Civic Activities .....	12,689.34
Acquisition and Improvement of Sites .....	3,304.00
Acquisition and Improvement of Buildings .....	1,592.93
Acquisition of Equipment .....	49,381.16
Replacement of Equipment .....	11,287.02
Programs with Other Districts .....	22,996.10
Out of State Travel .....	765.63
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	\$3,132,364.68

## REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND OTHER RECEIPTS

	1969	1970
Chapter 70 (General School Aid) .....	\$317,091	\$362,128
Chapter 71 (Transportation) .....\$.....	63,165	84,915
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards .....	4,095	2,508
Special Education .....	30,542	36,411
Adult Education .....	1,540	1,729
Tuition from Individuals and Other Towns .....	1,127	326
Receipts from Rental of School Property .....	1,006	1,494
Receipts from Industrial Arts .....	346	733
State Aided Vocational Education (Chapter 74, amended) .....	6,068	12,972
Federal Funds, Title III, Title II, Title VA .....	8,002	10,012
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	901	1,151
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	\$433,883	\$514,379
School Building Assistance .....	\$112,704	\$103,506
School Lunch Program .....	\$ 56,651	\$ 64,494

## SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1970

### PARTICIPATION:

	Phelps	Gran- ger	Peirce	Danahy	South	Robin- son	Jr. High	High	Total
Enrollment	541	611	213	264	382	505	811	1440	4767

### Averaged Served DAILY to Children:

Type A Lunches with Milk	398	416	144	209	286	407	611	912	3383
Milk Only	98	130	46	27	77	89	91	72	630

Total Type A Lunches served during the year: 585,368

Needy Lunches served during the year: 12,892

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance December 31, 1969 .....	\$ 3,473.57
Lunchroom Receipts .....	169,771.38
U.S.D.A. Claims Received .....	71,486.49
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Total Cash Available .....	\$244,731.44
Less Disbursements .....	239,090.73
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BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1970 .....	\$ 5,640.71
U.S.D.A. Claims Due .....	15,986.88
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	\$ 21,627.59
Outstanding Bills .....	10,458.99
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Balance .....	\$ 11,168.60

# AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## ENROLLMENT

Enrollment as of December 31, 1970

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sp.	Tr.	Total
Benjamin J. Phelps	96	102	95	90	71	87									541
Katherine G. Danahy	55	62	52	50	45										264
Robinson Park	55	65	51	58	121	155									505
Faolin M. Peirce	51	49	58	55											213
Clifford M. Granger	120	104	106	94	89	88							10		611
South Elementary	68	62	53	75	54	63							7		382
															—
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY</b>															2516
Junior High							416	384					11		811
Senior High									401	364	347	311	17		1440
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	445	444	415	422	380	393	416	384	401	364	347	311	45		4767



## High School Principal

Whenever a challenge is accepted it is usually approached with confidence but also with a certain amount of trepidation. After my first few months as principal of the Agawam High School any reservations I may have entertained have been alleviated by the realization that the student body is a concerned, sincere group that is being guided through the educative process by a staff of teachers that is both understanding and dedicated. With such a combination, success is inevitable.

In October of 1970 we received notification that the Commission on Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools had accepted the two year progress report of the Agawam High School and voted to continue the school's accreditation. The commission reported that it recognized the crowded conditions at the high school but had been made aware of the town's action on the appropriation of funds for a new junior high school and therefore feels that the town had made adequate progress in implementing the recommendations of the visiting committee.

At the present time I am concerned with the overcrowded conditions at the school just as Mr. Harris was in his report to the town in December 1967. Now, of course, the problem is much more severe. We started the school year in September with an enrollment of 1440 pupils. It would appear that next September we will have well over 1500 pupils. The school was built to accommodate 1200 pupils.

I am sure that most of you will recognize that certain conditions do not enhance education but have a deleterious effect upon it. Consider study classes in excess of 200 pupils in the cafeteria and/or auditorium; social studies classes of 35 pupils; shop classes with more than 20 pupils. Not only does this make the job of the teacher more difficult but it surely must effect the end product.

This year there are eighteen teachers who are "floaters." They have no permanent classroom but must travel from room to room during the course of the day. I realize that with an increase of approximately 70 students by September of 1971 I should request three additional teachers for next year yet I am not making such a request since I have no available space in which they might conduct classes. The only alternative is to schedule larger classes in all areas; a practice which is not educationally sound but realistically practical.

I document the foregoing not in complaint but in order to be honest with the townspeople. I look forward to the time when the new junior high school opens up, hopefully in September of 1972, although I realize that in fact it will probably be 1973 before it can be utilized. At that time, if the influx of high school age pupils is not too great we may again approach the reasonable figure of 1200 pupils at the high school. Since a five year progress report is due at the office of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools on June 1, 1973 I sincerely trust that our population problem at the high school can be resolved by January of 1973 so that we will be in a position to submit a progress report that will warrant a five year continuation of accreditation.

During the past summer additional lighting was installed in the auditorium along with tablet arm chairs in the pit area so that we could better accommodate

the students that must take study classes there. The general summer repair and maintenance program was quite extensive so that I can report that the school is in good repair in spite of its sixteen years of use.

During the late summer and the month of September, Room 12 was converted to a Data Processing Center. This is proving to be a tremendous asset not only to the School Department but particularly to the Agawam High School. We are now programming all students twice a year instead of once a year but the report cards and other print outs will eventually provide the teacher with important data that will assist in providing more effective teaching. In addition, Mr. Robert Gilmore, the director of the center, will begin teaching two classes in Computer Science on January 25, 1971, but will also add courses in Key Punch Operation and any related courses for which there might be a demand.

This year we added an Electronics/Electric Lab in the shop area and we expect that it will become an extremely popular course as time goes on. It is expected that there may be a demand for an advanced section in Electronics next year.

A number of English teachers took part in English curriculum revision this past summer. All English courses at the Agawam High School are presently half year courses. Instead of offering English I, English II, English III and English IV along with a small number of electives as in the past, the English Department presently offers more than 30 courses. With the structuring that was recommended by the English Department, each pupil must take certain required courses during the four years here but may also select from many electives. The students at this time seem to feel better motivated toward the study of English since from Grade 10 on most of their English courses are their own choosing. In addition the teachers may select the courses they prefer to teach and feel best qualified to teach. It will be several years before any reasonable valuation can be made but it appears that it is a worthwhile innovation for Agawam.

During this past year our interscholastic competition has been both keen and successful. Mr. Ralph Merullo coached the hockey team to the Wright Division championship and participated in the Western Mass. Hockey Tournament. The Agawam High Basketball team coached by Mr. Clifford Kibbe won the Valley Wheel championship and participated in a playoff for the Western Mass. Basketball Tournament. In the spring Agawam High annexed the Valley Wheel Baseball championship under the tutelage of Mr. Gerald Smith and gained a berth in the Western Mass. Baseball Tournament. We also competed in golf, tennis and track during the spring season in line with our philosophy that the co-curricular activities are an important adjunct to the usual classroom exercises.

During the fall we furnished competition in soccer, football and cross-country. After some lean years football appears to be on the upgrade under the coaching of Mr. Clifford Kibbe. Although the boys lost three games it was by a total of only 20 points and they gave the AA conference champions Holyoke their most rigid test. Mr. Walter Willard has developed the sport of soccer at Agawam High School to the point where they can and did compete with the best in the area and compiled a 6-6 record in the league. We have now added girls basketball as an interscholastic sport this year.

Finally, I would like to note our co-curricular activities in band and music. Mr. Darcy Davis and the band provide the music for many of our athletic activities as well as our several music festivals. In conjunction with Mrs. Mary Wuesthoff and her choral groups the music department adds much diversity to the high school activities.

The school is quite proud of our "As Schools Match Wits" team of Greg Balsewicz, Vickie Catchepaugh, Thomas Davies and Louise Spear and the alternate Charlene Rawson who won the first round with three consecutive wins on the television show and will appear again in the spring as they advance toward the championship. They have been ably coached by Mrs. Rosemary Stratton and Mr. Joseph Fitzgerald.

Graduates of Agawam High continue to compete with some of the best in the country as evidenced by their acceptances at some of the more rigid institutions of higher learning. Approximately 67% of the class of 1970 were accepted by institutions of higher learning. These seniors received approximately \$25,000 in awards and scholarships.

Civitan Award — Engraved Dictionary — Name on Plaque .....	Paula Elizabeth Tatro
Citizenship — Daughters of the American Revolution .....	Paula Elizabeth Tatro
International Relations Prize — Agawam Women's Club — \$5 .....	Barbara Ann Caramazza
Proficiency in Potitital Science — Agawam Democratic Women's Club — \$25 .....	William T. Walsh, Jr.
Commercial Award — Agawam Women's Club — Stenography — \$5 .....	Gail Ann Polacco
Third National Bank (Agawam Branch) —	
Highest Commercial Award — \$25 .....	Darcy Lee Hamar
Latin — Benjamin J. Phelps — Agawam Lions Club — \$25 .....	William T. Walsh, Jr.
Art — Agawam Women's Club — \$5 .....	Charles John Cartello
Music — Agawam Women's Club — \$5 .....	Karen Lee Kozlowski
Nicholas S. Zucco Industrial Arts Award — \$15 .....	Leon J. Duquette
Felix DePalma Mathematics Prize — \$50 each .....	John R. Toelken, Lawrence A. Webster
Ruth N. Hoyer Award for Nursing — Agawam Women's Club — \$10 .....	Laura Marie Gomes
English Award — Agawam Women's Club — \$5 .....	Kathleen Judith Keefe
Victor Emmanuel Auxiliary — Excellence in English — \$25 .....	Christina Anna Maule
Spanish Club Award — Agawam High School Spanish Club — \$5 .....	Linda Jean Racicot
Student Librarians — For Outstanding Service to the school on the Library Staff —	
\$20 — Judith Mary Kana; \$10 each — Dale R. Bewes, Deborah Lee Fadgen, Stephen Edward Godet, Kathleen Judith Keefe, Susan M. Knowlton, Donna Ann Moraski, Debra Ann Rachele, Kenneth Duncan Strom, Jr.	
Chalkliners Award — For Contributing in Dramatics — Chalkliners Theatre Group —	
\$25 Bond .....	Karen Elizabeth Vincent
Tony Statkun Award — Polish American Club — \$25 .....	Michael S. Demko
Elks Award — West Springfield-Agawam Elks —	
\$25 Bond .....	Wayne LaRiviere, Paula Elizabeth Tatro
Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cataldo, Agawam Food Mart — Highest Academic Averages for Boys and Girls — \$50 each .....	Catherine Mary Shaer, Steven Douglas Cirillo
The Reader's Digest Valedictorian Award —	
Reader's Digest Association .....	Steven Douglas Cirillo
Business Award — Agawam High School Business Club —	
\$10 each .....	Madeline J. Karakla, Dorine Ann Lasky



Faoline M. Peirce Scholarship — \$50 each  
 Linda-Lee Allen Kathleen Judith Keefe Rhonda Lynne Rogal  
 Ann Barbara Burgamaster Wayne LaRiviere Carol Ann Rothus  
 Denise Diane Cawley Madeline Jean LaValley Keith George Saunders  
 Pierre A. Desaulniers Susan O'Donnell Leamy Catherine Mary Shaer  
 Linda Jean Geckler Enrico R. Meucci Allen Francis Simmons  
 Stephen Edward Godet Carl M. Nunziato Richard Arnold Soderman  
 Jacqueline Harris Richard Stanley Ponusky  
 Cynthia Grace Janik Linda Jean Racicot

Benjamin J. Phelps Scholarships — \$100 each  
 Leonard Paul Caron Mark F. Madenski Catherine Mary Shaer  
 Steven Douglas Cirillo Sandra Ann Magnini Richard D. Skowera  
 Cindy Carol Harris Donna Ann Moraski Paula Elizabeth Tatro  
 Cynthia Grace Janik Linda Jean Racicot William T. Walsh, Jr.  
 Kathleen Judith Keefe Rhonda Lynne Rogal

Agawam Hockey Parents Scholarships — \$100 each  
 Glenn Thomas Gould Paul David O'Brien Eugene Albert Sapelli  
 Ernest A. Malone Peter Gerard Ramah

Gridiron Mothers Scholarships — \$100 each  
 Gerald Michael Burke Charles P. Kistner Paul David O'Brien  
 Leonard Paul Caron Scott Laurence Macey Donald Albert Progulski  
 James F. Dempsey Stephen Nooney Charles Kenneth Shearer

Agawam UNICO — \$200 each  
 Elizabeth Ann Grasso Wayne LaRiviere Rhonda Lynn Rogal  
 Joseph A. Graziano Richard Wayne Ramponi

Agawam Women's Club — \$200 ..... Lawrence A. Webster

Polish American Club and Women's Auxiliary  
 Denise Theresa Booth Nicholas S. Demko Anthony F. Karakla  
 Michael S. Demko Judith Mary Kana Bette Mae Kozikowski

Agawam Basketball Parents Scholarships — \$25 each  
 Leonard Paul Caron Mark F. Madenski Peter John Ronchi  
 Charles P. Kistner

Agawam Lions Club — \$200 each ..... Pierre A. Desaulniers, Kathleen Judith Keefe  
 Trestle Board Club of Agawam — \$150 each ..... Linda Jean Geckler, Neil Clifford Titcomb  
 Agawam High School Faculty Club — \$50 each ..... Robert Paul Brown, Mark F. Madenski  
 Agawam Lioness Club — \$100 ..... Cynthia Grace Janik  
 Raymond E. Harris Scholarships — \$100 each ..... Robert Paul Brown, Catherine Mary Shaer  
 Agawam Education Association — \$200 each .... Kathy Ellen Farnsworth, Rhonda Lynne Rogal  
 Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund, Inc. .... Susan Virginia Piccin  
 St. Anthony Society and Auxiliary —  
 \$200 each ..... Joseph A. Graziano, Richard Wayne Ramponi

P. Joseph Curran Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$250 ..... Joyce Ann Tomski  
 Wilson-Thompson American Legion Post 185 Auxiliary — \$75 ..... Ann Barbara Burgamaster  
 Agawam-West Springfield Kiwanis Club — \$200 ..... Paula Elizabeth Tatro  
 The Agawam Mirror Scholarships — \$50 each ..... Donna Elizabeth Cesan, Joyce Ann Tomski  
 Feeding Hills Community Women's Club — \$100 ..... Susan Margaret Smith  
 Agawam High School Student Council — \$100 ..... Robert Wilfred Eldridge  
 Personality Club — \$50 each ..... Kathleen Ann Foley, Sandra Ann Magnani,  
 Susan Margaret Smith, Gale Patrice Sullivan

T. O. Parzich Scholarship — \$100 ..... Richard D. Skowera  
 Captain Edward J. Connelly, Jr. Memorial Scholarship — \$300 ..... Wayne LaRiviere  
 Community Grange No. 382 — \$100 each ..... Catherine Lorraine Ainsworth, Linda-Lee Allen  
 Agawam V.F.W. Auxiliary Post No. 1632 —  
 \$75 each ..... Catherine Lorraine Ainsworth, Leonard Paul Caron

Agawam High School Future Nurses Scholarships —  
 \$25 each ..... Sharon Mary Doyle, Laura Marie Gomes

Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarships —

\$100 each ..... Sandra Ann Magnani, Charles Kenneth Shearer  
Agawam Junior Women's Club Art Scholarship — \$50 ..... Bette Mae Kozikowski  
Agawam High School Chorale Scholarships —

\$50 each ..... Karen Lee Kozlowski, Neil Clifford Titcomb  
Western Bank and Trust Company (Feeding Hills Branch) — \$100 .... Richard Wayne Ramponi  
Anderson-Morin Scholarship — \$25 ..... Charles Kenneth Shearer

Students who maintained an average of 85% or better for four years in their academic subjects and were named and recognized as members of the National Honor Society in an assembly were:

Richard A. Brandoli	Judith Mary Kana	Rhonda Lynne Royal
Denise Diane Cawley	Kathleen Judith Keefe	Catherine Mary Shaer
Steven Douglas Cirillo	Susan M. Knowlton	Richard D. Skowera
Kathy Ellen Farnsworth	Karen Lee Kozlowski	Paula Elizabeth Tatro
Kathleen Ann Foley	Wayne LaRiviere	Gary Michael Toczko
Elizabeth Ann Grasso	Sandra Ann Magnani	John R. Toelken
Claire Ann Gregory	Donna Ann Moraski	William T. Walsh, Jr.
John Dante Gruppioni	Susan Virginia Piccin	Lawrence A. Webster
Cindy Carol Harris	Linda Jean Racicot	
Linda Rose Haynes	Richard Wayne Ramponi	

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. James Clark and to the School Committee for the trust they have placed in me by my appointment and for their firm and dedicated support.

My predecessor, Mr. Raymond Harris, can never be replaced. His forty years of service to the youth of Agawam will have its influence on the community for many years to come. His great help and kindness toward me during the period of transition have been of inestimable value to me.

To those of you who make a school what it is, the dedicated staff of teachers, the loyal custodial staff, and the hardworking lunch personnel, my deepest appreciation. Finally, words cannot express my deep gratitude to my hardworking assistant principals, Mr. James Bruno and Mr. David Theodorowicz. Your loyalty and support I value highly.

## Junior High School Principal

In addition to our regular extra curricular organizations such as Band, Chorus, and Jr. Red Cross, teachers have volunteered to supervise a Ski Club, Science Club, Drama Club, Personality Club, and a Girls' Leader Corps. All of these have been very active and the entire student body had the privilege of seeing "Perils of Priscilla," the Drama Club's first offering.

I want to publicly commend the teachers responsible for these groups:

Ski Club; Girls' Leaders —	Miss Carol Cianfarani
Science Club —	Mr. Francis O'Leary, Mr. Paul Dion
Horse Club —	Mrs. Priscilla Deveno
Drama Club —	Miss Marsha Della-Giustina, Mrs. Holly Ryall
Personality Club —	Miss Marsha Della-Giustina

All 8th grade students went to Boston in the spring and visited the Freedom Trail, Science Museum, and the State House. This trip has become an annual affair and is done with the cooperation of the English and history departments.

We are fortunate to enjoy a concert by the Westover Air Force Band as part of the Veterans' Day Assembly. Mr. Dennis Moran arranged the assembly which also included readings by several 7th grade students.

Through the proceeds of our annual magazine project we replaced the console of the public address system. Two-way conversations are now possible between the office and all classrooms.

Mr. Darcy Davis, Band Director, had the band march during one of the high school football games and it was invited to play at the opening of the Eastern States Exposition. We have been able to program band and chorus into the school schedule and it is hoped that more will be accomplished with these groups because of it.

I was sorry to lose our secretary, Mrs. Nancy Pryce, who resigned this year but we have a very capable replacement in Miss Beverly Malone, who formerly worked in the Business Office.

Mr. David Bates, 8th grade class advisor, has organized the class. Room representatives have been elected and projects for the year are being developed.

The enthusiasm and dedication of the faculty and staff have been invaluable in achieving a successful year.

## **Adult Education**

The Adult Education program continued successfully in its nineteenth year of operation in 1970. Six hundred and thirty-four class members registered for the thirty-four courses offered. Classes are held in both the High School and Junior High School and are in operation four evenings a week.

Twelve students of the Evening High School fulfilled the requirements necessary and were awarded diplomas in 1970. Because Agawam is one of the few towns in this area that has a full evening high school program and has set up a four-year program, adults from all the towns in this vicinity take advantage of the program and fulfill a desire to finish their high school education.

In 1970 thirty-four classes were in operation. Twelve of these classes were in the academic field, four in commercial subjects and eighteen classes were offered in the practical arts and vocational fields.

The school is operated under the supervision of a director, seventeen teachers and a secretary. All teachers are state certified, qualified instructors and must improve themselves professionally each year to maintain this status according to requirements established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

During 1970 equipment was purchased for the Junior High School wood shop and sewing laboratory, and audio-visual equipment was purchased for both the



High School and Junior High School at no expense to the taxpayers of Agawam. Any equipment purchased by the Evening School division is available for use in the day classes of both the Agawam High School and the Junior High School.

In 1970 the Registry of Motor Boats held classes in the Junior High School under the sponsorship of the Adult Education program and a large class has enrolled for a year's program supervised by the Power Squadron of Hampden County which meets weekly in the Junior High School cafeteria and is also sponsored by the Adult Education program.

The Agawam School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools are to be commended for their continued cooperation and interest in maintaining and improving a growing Adult Education program. Mr. Raymond Harris, retired Principal of the High School and Mr. Paul Tatro, the present Principal of Agawam High, as well as Mr. Charles Kistner, Principal of the Junior High, have been most cooperative in providing the unlimited use of the facilities necessary in continuing the operation of the Adult Education program.

Any school is only as good as its faculty and Agawam is fortunate in having a superior group of teachers in the Adult Education program. Their efforts will insure a continuing successful Adult Education program in Agawam.

## **School Health**

The primary objective of school health services is to strengthen and assist students and staff to improve their health status. Among the many facets of the School Health Department are: health appraisal, health counseling, communicable disease program and health and accident program.

The annual procedures including vision, hearing, health appraisals and tuberculin tine tests were conducted by all nurses.

Routine physical examinations were completed by Dr. Delerzon — 659; and by family physicians — 991.

Once again the Lioness Club members, Dr. Rabinowitz and girls from the Future Nurses Club assisted at pre-school registrations, by doing the amblyopia screening test. A Crest dental health program was completed in all elementary schools. The Health Caremobile visited the high school. Weekly drug symposium meetings held at the Springfield District Court were attended by all nurses.

Rubella vaccine clinic was held in all elementary schools and mumps vaccine clinic in elementary and secondary schools with the cooperation of town health nurses and board of health doctor.

The Agawam Jaycees were responsible for conducting a hearing screening clinic for every elementary student. The Beltone staff conducted the tests on 2320 students. This was a first for Agawam schools and it was appreciated.

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Agawam Congregational Church  
745 Main Street

Feeding Hills Congregational Church  
21 North Westfield Street

First Baptist Church of Agawam  
760 Main Street

Agawam United Methodist Church  
459 Mill Street

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
1100 Springfield Street

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
Cor. of Maple and Bridge Streets

St. David Episcopal Church  
522 Springfield Street

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
823 Main Street

St. Theresa Catholic Church  
74 Bridge Street

Valley Community Church  
152 South Westfield Street

Gospel Baptist Church  
20 South Westfield Street

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan  
Tel. 732-6856

Rev. Bruce H. Bowen  
Tel. 786-4012

Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart  
Tel. 734-5477 or 734-0700

Rev. Harry Hallman  
Tel. 786-4174

Rev. George A. Linse, C.S.S.  
Tel. 786-3445

Rev. James Flanagan, C.S.S.  
Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.  
Tel. 736-1693

Rev. John Tyler  
Tel. 737-9804

Rev. Walter Joyce  
Tel. 733-1869

Rev. Paul J. Bernard  
Tel. 732-8132

Rev. Frank E. Dunn  
Tel. 786-2445

Rev. Harold E. Small  
Tel. 734-0559

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT . . . 786-4767 or 786-4768  
AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT . . . . 786-1241  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS . . . . 786-0400

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